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ON THE COVER
The Palmer Public Library
Growing, and growing, and growing.

Since moving to its present quarters on Main Street in 1977, the Palmer Public Library has been a focal point for the community. Each and every year, more and more people discover the treasures, opportunities and possibilities available everyday in this one story brick building. In 1998, over seventeen thousand cardholders made over 100,000 visits to the Library to checkout over 200,000 items. 11,000 reference questions were asked and answered. 10,000 visits were made to the Community Room and over 12,000 people logged on to the Internet. Thousands more attended storyhours, slide show presentations, computer and literacy classes, book discussions, craft workshops, Summer Reading events, and much, much more.

More library users mean more books and videos and magazines and CDs and... Living in the age of electronic information means providing the technology that people need to connect to and access that information. All of these things, in turn, require something. That something is space. And space is the one thing at the Palmer Public Library that has not grown much over the past 23 years. The Library is bursting at the seams!

In early 1999, the Board of Selectmen appointed a Building Expansion Committee that will work with the entire community to address the space deficiencies at the Library and prepare for a bright future. Over the coming year your advice and support is needed! It's your library!

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THE TOWN
REMEMBERS
THOSE WHO SERVED

CLIFFORD L. "MICKEY" ELLITHORPE

1925 - December 20, 1998



"Mickey" was born in Palmer and as a young man resided in Palmer. He and his wife, Doris (Tremblay) have two sons; Ronald and Robert and seven grandchildren. In addition, they also have two great-grandchildren.

Mickey was appointed to the Palmer Police Department as an Intermittent Patrolman on October 11, 1954 and became a Permanent Patrolman on May 1, 1959. He continued to serve the Town in this capacity until his retirement on October 31, 1981.

He was a veteran in the United States Navy Reserve and served his country as a Naviation Electrician Mate 3rd Class of World War II. Mickey was a communicant of St. Ann's Church in the Three Rivers section of Palmer.

Mickey was a devoted family man and touched his family and friends in a very special way. He will truly be missed by his family who all love him.

CHARLES R. FRYDRYK

August 21, 1922 - July 28, 1998



Charles was a lifelong resident of Three Rivers. His wife, Beatrice (Philibotte) died in 1994. He and Beatrice had one daughter, Renee.

He was an Army veteran of World War II and landed at Utah Beach, Normandy with the 4th Infantry Division on June 6, 1944. He participated in three major campaigns, including the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium in the winter of 1944-45.

Charles was a heavy-equipment operator for the John Lizak Company of Palmer. He was also a mechanic for the Monson Developmental Center retiring in 1988.

Charles served his community and the residents of Palmer as Fire Chief for the Three Rivers Fire Department from March of 1969 until May of 1984. He was the fourth Fire Chief for the District. He served in this capacity for 15 years.

Charles was a communicant of St. Anne's Church in Three Rivers and was a member of the St. Stanislaus's Polish Club in Three Rivers.

LOUIS S. JACEK

May 24, 1928 - May 16, 1998



"Lou" was born in Three Rivers, the son of Edward and Josephine Jacek, brother of Betty and Joseph. In 1945 he met Ruth Richard and the couple was married in 1948. They later had a daughter, Debra.

At the age of 16 Lou took a position and the Viewnorth Orchards where he held the position of foreman for many years. He and his wife purchased the Orchards in 1980. They continued to operation the orchards until his demise.

He was a member of the Massachusetts Fruit Growers Association, the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation, Inc.

Lou served his community as a member of the Elbow Plantation Historical Society. He was appointed to the position of Animal Inspector in 1962.

He is sadly missed by family and all his many friends.

LEO J. SANTUCCI

February 5, 1917 - August 10, 1998



Leo was a lifelong resident of Palmer, graduating from Palmer High School and Massachusetts State College majoring in mathematics. He and his wife of 57 years, Gloria Ryan, had three children: Leo, Jr., Marbeth, and William, who died in 1995; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Leo taught at South Hadley High School and at Palmer High where he taught math and coached football, basketball and baseball. Leo took great pride in his 63-23-8 football coaching record and lifetime association with many players and students as mentor and loyal friend. In 1957 Leo joined the faculty at Chestnut St. Junior High School in Springfield and assistant coach of football at Classical High School. Continuing his education at American International College, Springfield College, Williams College, Calvin Coolidge College and Columbia University, he was awarded a Doctorate in Education in 1962. He returned to the Palmer school system as Superintendent of Schools.

Leo served in the infantry with the Eastern Defense Command and with the Transportation Corps after being commissioned a second lieutenant. He remained active in the Army Reserve following his discharge after four years of service to his country. After 22 years of service with the Army Reserve Leo retired with the rank of Major.

He was a member of the Massachusetts and New England Associations of School Superintendents, the American Association of School Administrators, the Connecticut Valley Superintendents Association, the Massachusetts Teachers Association, the National Education Association and the Phi Delta Kappa Honor Society. He also belonged to the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion and the Retired Officers Association.

Leo also served on a number of Town committees including the School and Finance Committees. He was a communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church and served on its Parish Council and the Finance and Administration Committee.

Leo was a husband, father, educator, coach and administrator for all seasons.

RICHARD C. SHEEHAN

March 9, 1933 - January 8, 1998



Richard was born in Northampton. He and his family moved to Palmer in 1962. He was married to Grace Hayes and have three children: Kathleen, Colleen and Richard F. and four grandchildren.

"Dick" was the superintendent of the Palmer Landfill for ten years during which time he initiated and managed a successful recycling program. He was an active member of the Palmer American Legion Post 130 and the AmVets of Three Rivers. He was a member of the Palmer Finance Committee for over five years, was an enthusiastic supporter of the Palmer Public Library, and was involved in many Town activities including the Founder's Day Celebration, the Memorial Day Parades among many others.

As an active supporter of the youth in Palmer, he was involved in scouting for many years. He served in many capacities in scouting, including Scoutmaster and Cub Master for Palmer Troop 161. He was also active in the Palmer Little League.

Dick is loved and missed by his family, friends, and numerous acquaintances he had made over the years.

STANLEY J. SWIATLOWSKI

November 22, 1917 - September 28, 1998



Born and raised in Three Rivers, Stanley was a longtime Town Official, serving for 30 years on the Board of Assessors. Stanley also served as a Water Commissioner for Three Rivers. He married the former Celia Lis, also of Three Rivers. They have two children, Ronald and Natalie, and two grandchildren.

Stanley was a supervisor for Gilbarco of West Springfield for 28 years. He was also employed at the Physical Plant at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst for 15 years. He retired in 1988.

Stanley was an Army Veteran of World War II and served in C Company of the 708th Military Police Battalion. He was also president of the Polish-American Citizens Club, a 35-year member of the Three Rivers Chamber of Commerce, and a member of both the AmVets Post 74 and St. Stanislaus Polish Lyceum of Three Rivers.

FRANKLIN A. GALE

July 22, 1097 - June 14, 1998
(No picture available)

Franklin was born in Webster. and moved to Palmer. He was a graduate of the former Trade High School in Springfield. His wife, Gladys (Blair) died in 1995. He and his wife had one daughter, Joan; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He worked many years in the family business, Gale's Newsstand and was the owner of Gale's Auction in Three Rivers. Franklin retired from the former Diamond National Corporation of Thorndike were he held the position of machine operator.

Franklin was a member of the Union Evangelical Church of Three Rivers. He served his community as Town Auctioneer and as a special Police Officer. He held the position of sports coach for the Three Rivers Grammar School. He went on to play semi-professional basketball and baseball.

WALTER A. PIETRYKA

October 29, 1915 - August 18, 1998
*(*No picture available*)*

Walter, a lifelong resident of Three Rivers attended local schools. He was a commercial photographer and owned and operated the Walter A. Pietryka Studio until 1957. The business had been started by his father, Paul Pietryka.

Walter entered the Army and was a World War II veteran having served in northern France in 1994-45.

He was an employee of the Town of Palmer serving in the capacity of custodian of the Palmer Town Building until October 31, 1985.

Walter was a communicant of St. Peter and St. Paul Church in Three Rivers. and was a member of the St. Stanislaus's Polish Lyceum in Three Rivers and the St. Joseph's Polish Society of Thorndike.


THANK YOU!

GOVERNMENTAL DISTRICT

AND REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE

TOWN OF PALMER

UNITED STATES SENATORS
John F. Kerry, Boston
Edward M. Kennedy, Boston

COUNCILOR
Seventh Councilor District
Dennis P. McManus

STATE SENATOR
Worcester, Hampden, Franklin
and
Hampshire Senatorial District
Stephen M. Brewer

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
First Hampden Representative District
Patrick Landers, III, Palmer

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
Richard E. Neal

DISTRICT ATTORNEY
William M. Bennett, Springfield

FACTS ABOUT PALMER

SETTLED	1716
INCORPORATED AS A DISTRICT	1752
ACCEPTED AS A TOWN	1776
LOCATION	About 15 miles east of Springfield on Route 20
HIGHEST ELEVATION	Colonel's Mountain 1179 feet
POPULATION	12,546
FORM OF GOVERNMENT	Town Meeting
TAX RATE - FY 1998	
TOWN	17.24
FIRE DISTRICT TAX	
DISTRICT #1	1.23
DISTRICT #2	1.33
DISTRICT #3	1.79
DISTRICT #4	2.01
NUMBER OF DWELLINGS	Approximately 3,787
PROPERTY VALUATION	$522,105,027
AREA	Approximately Land 20,110.0 acres; Water 457.5 acres. Total 20,568.4 acres; Square Miles: 32.14
STREETS AND HIGHWAYS	Approximately 150 miles
PUBLIC SCHOOLS	Palmer High School Converse Middle School Old Mill Pond Elementary
FIRE PROTECTION	Well equipped and established fire station at Walnut Street, Palmer, with a 43 member call force headed by Alan J. Roy, Chief, (Civil Service); Springfield Street, Three Rivers with a 34 member call force headed by Patrick O'Connor. Main Street, Bondsville, with a 22 member call force headed by Chief John Sullivan.

FACTS ABOUT PALMER CONTINUED

POLICE	Well established 18 member force headed by Chief of Police, Robert P. Frydryk.
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES	Legion Field, Eager Playground, Nick Laviolette Park, Three Rivers, plus playground and recreational equipment at Three Rivers Common, and Endelson Playground, Bondsville.
PUBLIC LIBRARY	North Main Street, Palmer



TELEPHONE NUMBERS EMERGENCIES

Fire:	
Bondsville	283-9036
Palmer	283-3861
Thorndike	283-7161
Three Rivers	283-7161
Hospital	283-7651
Ambulance	283-1652
Police	283-8792
EMERGENCY NUMBER FOR ALL OF THE ABOVE	911

FOR INFORMATION

Appeals	283-2611
Assessors	283-2607
Building Inspector	283-2638
Cemetery	283-2665
Civil Defense	283-2610
Community Development	283-2614
Conservation Commission	283-2611
Council on Aging	283-2670
Dog Officer	283-7770
Gas Inspector (Residence)	283-4082
Health Board	283-2606
Highway Department	283-2615
License Commission (Alcohol Beverage Information)	283-2608
Palmer Housing Authority	283-9311
Palmer Public Library	283-3330
Palmer Redevelopment Authority	283-4777
Park Commission	283-2667
Planning Board	283-2605
Plumbing Inspector (Residence)	283-2439
Schools:	
Converse Middle School	283-2641
Old Mill Pond Elementary	283-2630
Palmer High School	283-2621
Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical	283-9701
Superintendent of Schools	283-2650
Sealer of Weights and Measures (Residence)	267-4070
Selectmen	283-2603
Tax Collector	283-2601
Town Accountant	283-2602
Town Clerk	283-2608
Town Treasurer	283-2600
Veteran's Agent	283-2610
Wastewater Treatment Plant	283-2671
Wire Inspector (Residence)	283-3356

TOWN OFFICERS 1998
(elected)

TOWN CLERK

Patricia C. Donovan	Term expires 2000

TREASURER

Michael H. Burns - resigned 10-26-1998	Term expires 1999
John R. Mastalerz - appt.10-26-1998	

TOWN COLLECTOR

Michael H. Burns - resigned 12-1-1998	Term expires 2001
John R. Mastalerz - appt. 12-1-1998	

SELECTMEN

Michael P. Strzemienski,Chairman	Term expires 1999
Mark T. MacDougall	Term expires 2000
Elaine J. Dustin-Nikodem	Term expires 2001

ASSESSORS

Jay J. Mastalerz, Chairman	Term expires 2001
Alvin C. Rondeau	Term expires 1999
Stanley J. Swiatlowski - died 9-28-98	Term expires 2000
Lawrence Jasak - appt. to fill vac. 12-2-98	

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Keith M. Parent,Chairman	Term expires 1999
Robert S. Dupuis	Term expires 1999
Stephen P. Bobowicz	Term expires 2000
Maureen Gallagher	Term expires 2001
Christopher Geoffrion	Term expires 2001

BOARD OF HEALTH

Rose Tyburski, Chairman	Term expires 2001
Warren R. Thompson	Term expires 2000
Thomas M.Dranka	Term expires 1999

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Frederick C. Olson, Chairman	Term expires 2000
Anthony T. Blazejowski, Jr.	Term expires 2001
Robert G. Faulkner	Term expires 1999

LICENSE COMMISSIONERS

Leon Wlodyka, Chairman	Term expires 1999
John R. Mastalerz	Term expires 2001
Dennis R. Gaudreau	Term expires 2000

PLANNING BOARD

Michael Marciniec, Chairman	Term expires 1999
Joseph E. Slowick	Term expires 2003
James J. Haley Jr.	Term expires 2000
Thomas S. Skowyra	Term expires 2001
Todd M. Smola	Term expires 2002

PARK COMMISSIONERS

Michael Burns,Chairman	Term expires 1999
Dean McKee	Term expires 1999
Albin P. Les	Term expires 1999
William K. Cole	Term expires 1999
William F. Gallagher	Term expires 1999

PALMER HOUSING AUTHORITY

Veronica A. Strzemienski, Chairman	Term expires 2001
Ronald W. Lemanski	Term expires 2002
Robert B. Bishop	Term expires 2003
Richard E. Fontaine	Term expires 1999
Myrtle F. Davis State Member (appointed)	Term expires August 25, 1999

PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

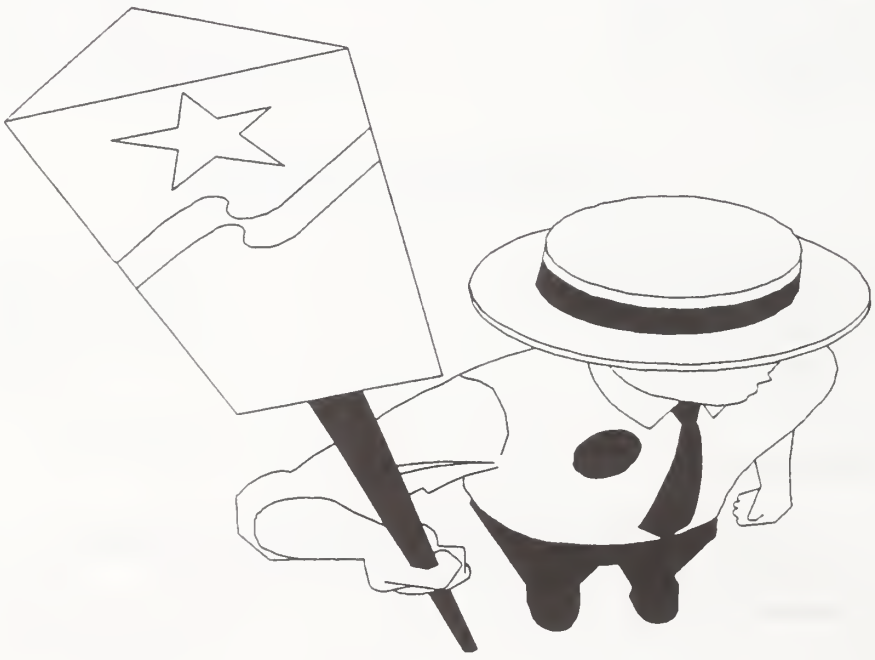
Michael J. Cavanaugh	Term expires 2001
David Droz	Term expires 2000

PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Frank G. Real Jr., Chairman	Term expires 2000
Thomas W. Haley	Term expires 2001
Margaret H. Higgins	Term expires 2002
Blake LaMothe	Term expires 2003

MODERATOR

John B. DiNuovo	Term expires 1999



OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN

AD HOC COMMUNITY POLICING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Patrick Landers, Jr.
Susan Brodowski
Don Ferrell
George Roberts

AIRPORT STUDY COMMITTEE

Roger Fortune, Jr.
Richard Fontaine
Joseph Topor
John Kokoczyna

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICER

Beverly A. Lund

ANIMAL INSPECTOR

Fred Guzik

BOARD OF APPEALS

Joseph W. Topor, Jr.
Russell L. Brown
Antonio Andre
Gary Doane
Mary A. Salzman
Lyle Hislop (Alternate)
Norman Czech (Alternate)

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Richard Rollet
Leslie LaPointe (Assistant)

BONDSVILLE SCHOOL SITE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Terry Skaza
William Byrnes
Bonnie Raymond
Elaine J. Nikodem
Mark MacDougall
Paul Benard

BONDSVILLE SMOKESTACK COMMITTEE

Paul Benard
Joseph Nikodem
Donald Duffy
Peter Pappas (Advisory)
John Sullivan (Advisory)

BY-LAW COMMITTEE

Phillip Sampson
Beverly A. Lund
Richard Rollet
Ron Masnicki (Ad Hoc)
Robert P. Frydryk
Warren Thompson
Charles Ksieniewicz (Ad Hoc)
Charlann Griswold

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

David Backus
Michael Chalue
George Backus
Charles Brightman
Frank G. Real

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Peter E. Pappas
Charlann Griswold (Assistant)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Frank Real
Gladys Stockwell
Michael Marciniec
Veronica Strzemienski
William Byrnes

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR Lawrence B. Smith

COMPUTER PROGRAM SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATORS

Carol Sugrue
Robert P. Frydryk
Beverly A. Lund

COMPUTER STUDY COMMITTEE

Carol Sugrue
Beverly Morin
Beverly A. Lund
Michael Austin
Michael Burns
Robert P. Frydryk

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Donald R. Duffy
Peter Izyk
Harry Johnson
Jane E. Golas
Michelle Corbeil-Crawford
David E. Johnson

CONSTABLES

Robert Couture
Norberto Garcia
Officer James Lynch
Officer Kenneth White

COUNCIL ON AGING

Patrick Landers
Christine Stockmal
Honora McCarthy
Francis Riel
Genevieve A. Bates
Alice Smith
Mary Hubert
Jason Menard
Roland Richer
Margaret Santaw

DOG OFFICER

Frederick Guzik
Wanda Guzik (Assistant)

EASTERN VALLEY WATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE

John Sasur
Gary Pierce
Lawrence Smith
Harry Johnson

EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE

John Sullivan
Jeffrey Jambora
Alan Roy
Robert P. Frydryk
Patrick O'Connor

FAIR HOUSING COMMITTEE

Joan Bernier, Director
Joseph E. Slowick, Jr.
Jane E. Golas
Veronica Strzemienski
Rose Tyburski
Beverly A. Lund

FENCE VIEWER

Joseph J. Nietupski

FINANCE COMMITTEE

John Dineen
Cynthia Heffernan
Barbara Barry
George Backus
Curtis Reeser
Iris Anderson
Richard Zina
Christine Regan
Paul Burns
James M. Pasquill
Paul Fuller

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT TEAM MEMBERS

John R. Dineen
Edward J. Noonan
Carol Sugrue
Michael Burns

FOREST WARDEN

Alan Roy

GAS INSPECTOR

Gary Stahelski

GROUND WATER PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Nicholas Zeo
John Sasur
Jane E. Golas

HAMPDEN COUNTY HOUSING SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Joan Bernier

HANDICAPPED SERVICE COMMITEE

Beverly A. Lund
Nancy Bauer
James Pasquill
Lawrence Smith
Phillip Sampson

HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR

Jeffrey Jambora

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Stephen Nowak
Lorraine Novak
Marion P. Lis
Harold Olson
Christopher J. Novak
Sandra Nichols
Jane E. Golas
Rose Riskalla (Alternate)

HOUSE NUMBERER

Jean Bubon

HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

Joan Bernier
Joseph E. Slowick, Jr.
Jane E. Golas
Veronica Strzemienski
Rose Tyburski
Beverly A. Lund

INSECT PEST CONTROL James Chadwick

INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bonnie Rathbone
Melanie Leibold
George Nicholas
Kenneth White
Cathy Grabowski

INSURANCE BROKER Thomas Gravelin

JOINT TRANSPORTATION REPRESENTATIVE
PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION Lawrence Smith

KEEPER-LOCKUP Robert P. Frydryk

LIBRARY TRUSTEE Alphonse E. Murray

LOCAL ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL

Andrea C. Mayeski
Diane M. Warnock-Graper
Christopher Beaudry
Mark Thayer
Deborah Queiros
Ann Wright
Maureen Kontrath
Donald Duffy

LOCAL DESIGNER SELECTION BOARD

Beverly A. Lund
Albin Les
Christopher L. Geoffrion
Phillip Sampson
Richard Kaczmarczyk
Stephen Muniec
Lawrence Smith
Keith Parent
Ann Duke
Mark MacDougall
Deborah Smola

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT ADVISORY BOARD

James J. Lynch
Magistrate E. Donald Riddle
Norma Santos
Atty. Timothy J. Rogers
Alphonse E. Murray

MILLENIUM COMMITTEE

Cheryl Izyk
Frieda Mantha
Patricia St.Amour
Peter E. Pappas

MUNICIPAL RIGHT-TO-KNOW COORDINATOR Beverly A. Lund

OPEN SPACE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Donald R. Duffy
Harry Johnson
Jane E. Golas
Peter Izyk
David E. Johnson

PALMER INDUSTRIAL & DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Thomas Haley
Theodore Bonnayer
Gordon Christiansen

PARK DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT Richard Kaczmarczyk

PARKING CLERK Beverly A. Lund

PIONEER VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES

Robert Trahan
Jean Bubon, (Alternate)

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
POLICY ADVISORY REPRESENTATIVE Jane E. Golas

PLUMBING INSPECTOR Gerald Nichols

POLICE AUXILIARY

Mary Lee Frydryk
Paul Boissy
Joseph R. Brewer
Diane Outhuse
Sean Maynard
Steven V. Boissy
Richard Kszepka
Nicholas Gasparini
Stephen Kosmider

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Charles M. Callahan
David Callahan
Jon Callahan
Fred Hugli
Philip O'Malley
Michael Barry
Richard Roberts
Lisa Nummy
Doris Lynn
Ronald Somers
Julie Callahan
Kevin Pratt
June Johnson
Deane Stearns
Jeffrey Rollett
Michael Lawrence
Robert S. Mucha, Jr.

QUABOAG VALLEY BUSINESS ASSIST. CORP.

Ronald P. Christiansen

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Thomas Dranka
Harold Olson
Carol Roy
Jonathan Murray

RAILS TO TRAILS COMMITTEE

Winston Stred
Kenneth Sherman
Edward Kirby
David E. Johnson
Donald Duffy
Jean Bubon
Barbara Stred
Michael Marciniec
Diane Kirby
Jane E. Golas
James Carliell

RAIL TO TRAILS REGIONAL DISCUSSION GROUP

Edward Kirby
Diane Kirby

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Marion Kozlik
Thomas S. Skowyra
James Lynch
Penny Brantley
Rebecca Lukaskiewicz
Norma Santos
Deborah Kopacz
Diane Brennan

RECREATION DIRECTOR STUDY COMMITTEE

Robert Schattgen
Christopher Geoffrion
Jason Menard
Norma Santos
John DiNuovo
William F. Gallagher

REGISTRARS

Patricia Donovan
Gladys M. Stockwell
Gevenieve G. Janosz
Robert Canterbury

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Howard Case
William Bouthillier
Ronald Masnicki
William Gallagher
Patrick F. Landers, Jr.
Robert P. Frydryk
John Sullivan
John Dyl
Phillip Sampson

SCHOOL BUILDING DISPOSITION COMMITTEE

Diana Strzemienski
Lawrence Jasak
Beverly A. Lund
James Pasquill
Warren Pelton

SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

Joseph Serrato
Ronald Consantino (Assistant)

SELECTMEN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Beverly A. Lund

SPECIAL MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE

Stephen R. Chiacchia
James Haley
Warren Thompson
Joseph E. Slowick

Thomas S. Skowyra	Michael S. Marciniec
Jean M. Bubon	James Carliell
Donald Duffy	Jane Golas
David E. Johnson	Diane Kirby
Edward Kirby	Winston Stred
Barbara Stred	Kenneth Sherman
Todd Smola	Fred Guzik
STREETS AND HIGHWAYS SUPERINTENDENT	Phillip Sampson
TOWN ACCOUNTANT	Carol Sugrue
TOWN AUCTIONEER	Kevin Gouvin
TOWN COUNSEL	Charles Ksieniewicz Michael Ciota, (Associate)
TOWN FIRE ENGINEERS	
Alan Roy Patrick O'Connor	John Sullivan
TREE WARDEN	James Chadwick
VETERANS AGENT, BURIAL AGENT, GRAVES OFFICER	Peter E. Pappas
WIRE INSPECTOR	Stanley Pietryka Francis Rollet (Assistant)

THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN HAS VOTED TO ADOPT THE POLICY THAT ALL APPOINTED INDIVIDUALS WILL RETAIN THAT POSITION UNTIL SUCH TIME THE BOARD MAKES REAPPOINTMENTS.

ANNUAL REPORT
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Following the Annual Town Election on April 21, 1998, Elaine J. Nikodem was reelected to the Board for a second term. At the April 29, 1998, the annual reorganization of the Board was held with Mr. Michael P. Strzemienski being elected as Chairman for the upcoming year. Mr. Mark T. MacDougall was elected to serve as Vice Chairman with Mrs. Elaine J. Nikodem serving as Clerk to the Board.

Once again, the Annual Town Meeting was postponed with the date being June 1, 1998. The Finance Committee, the Department Heads and the Board worked very hard to present a balanced budget to the voters at this meeting. This was not possible due to the fact that the cherry sheet figures were not received in a timely manner and the budget that was approved by the voters was in excess of the Proposition 2 1/2 guidelines.

In September the Town received notification of increased State Aid as well as an increase in Actual Local Receipts in the amount of $846,436.00. This additional revenue was the results of an increase in the Sewer User Fee, the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax collections and the investment income. As a result of these increased revenue, the Town was under the levy limit and a Town Meeting was held on November 16, 1998. The voters of the Town approved a balanced budget at this meeting with the sum of $37,156.00 be appropriated to the Stabilization Fund for future use for a capital project should the need arise. The Free Cash figure for the year was certified in the amount of $628,226.00.

Proposals were solicited and received by the Board for the sale of the Thorndike Street and Thorndike Grammar Schools Bids. The Board entered into Purchase and Sales contracts for both schools. The anticipated closing date for the Thorndike Street School was to be in early February. Due to a clause in the deed for the Thorndike Elementary School, the Town will have to pursue the sale through the housing court. The work by the perspective owners will proceed pending the final sale of the property. The site of the former Quaboag School was advertised and one proposal was received. The Board is working with the perspective buyer to work out the final details involving this sale.

The construction work for the capping of the Emery Street Landfill was completed during 1997 with an extension being obtained for the final submission of the Closure Certification Report in January of 1998. It will be necessary for the Town to maintain a post-closure monitoring program for the landfill. This consists of both environmental monitoring stations for groundwater and surface water. The Department of Environment Protection also recommended landfill gas monitoring stations at a number of locations. The approximate annual cost for these services is $15,500. This cost will be a yearly expenditure. In June of 1998 the Town received word from DEP that the final cover

construction of the Emery Street Landfill has been completed in compliance with the plans and specifications as approved by them.

With the closing and capping of the landfill, the Board began looking at recycling issues. Recycling was started in all municipal buildings including the schools. A Recycling Committee was formed. It is hoped that this committee will present a town-wide recycling program to the Board prior to the expiration of the Town's current solid waste removal contract.

The former State Street Landfill site remains under investigation by DEP. A Scope of Work for this assessment was submitted by the Town and approved by DEP. The draft site assessment was submitted to DEP in November. Prior to this submission, two additional monitoring wells were installed by the Town, the debris was picked up and other areas were covered. A decision as to what steps the Town will have to take regarding this site will be forthcoming early in 1999. This endeavor could be a substantial expenditure for the residents of the Town of Palmer.

A number of meetings and public hearings were held throughout the year to keep the residents informed as to the status of the combined sewer overflow project which is being mandated by DEP/EPA. For those residents not familiar with this project, the Town is being ordered by both organizations to separate the pipes in the various villages that carry both storm water and sanitary sewer water in these CSO's. This separation will prevent any overflow in the various rivers throughout the Town. At the close of 1998, the final draft of the long-term plan for this project had been submitted to DEP for their review and comments. This report contained a three phase separation plan with 95% compliance with respect to the separation. The approximate cost of this project ranges from $7,426,000 to $9,581,000 provided the DEP/EPA accepts and approves the alternative, phase process and percentage of separation compliance selected by the Board. A final decision from DEP/EPA is expected at the beginning of 1999.

The Board applied for and received the sum of $16,799 from the Commonwealth Sewer Rate Relief Fund established pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 29, Section 2Z. Once again, this sum will be divided among the sewer users and will result in a reduction of $3.40 per equivalent dwelling unit for the residents of Palmer. The Board set the sewer rate in November. Only the operating expenses of the Waste Water Treatment Plan were considered which resulted in a sewer rate of $195.00 per EDU.

In the area of road repairs, the Board has solicited the services of Guertin and Associates to assist the Town in attempting to secure grants for a number of public roads. These reconstruction projects include Springfield Street, Three Rivers; Main Street, Three Rivers; and Bridge Street, Three Rivers. This project would include an upgrade of the signalization at the intersection of Springfield and Bridge Streets as well. In November it was learned that the Mass. Highway Department's Project Review Committee had approved these project for Federal Aid Statewide Transportation Improvement Program funding. This approval is contingent upon the project being listed on the Statewide

Transportation Improvement Program which covers six Federal Fiscal Years. Once listed on this list, the pr ject will be subject to the availability of State and Federal funding at each stage of the project with the Town being responsible for the design and any right-of-way costs that may be associated with the project.

Along these lines, the Massachusetts Highway Department is looking at the possibility of reconstructing the section of highway at the juction of Routes 20 and 67 from Mason Street to the Quaboag River on Route 20 and up Route 67 to beyond House #8. It is their hope to replace and raise the bridge to 21 feet over the rail road tracks and to increase horizontal and vertical visibility when entering Route 20 from Route 67.

This project is only in the conceptional phase. These phases will be submitted to the MHD for submission to a design engineer. Upon completion of the 25% design phase, a public hearing will be held to solicit public input.

As stated in last year's report, the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission conducted a town-wide survey to determine the feasibility of offering public transportation to Palmer residents. The results were received which clearly reflected an interest in public transporation. As a result, the Board has submitted an application to the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission under the Transportation Demand Management program for a trial bus route which would cover approximately 54.5 miles with a single bus. The route would consist of five trips per day, traveling 272.5 miles at a weekly cost of $1,835.10 for five days of operation. The total grant application was in the amount of $76,367.16 with the Town's matching share being $19,425.04 for a total grant application of $95,425.20.

You have probably noticed the new look to the Palmer Town Building and the landscaping surrounding the building. The Board felt it was time to replace the shrubs and bushes that had overgrown considerably in the last 20 or so years. The cost of this project was minimal which the only expense being the purchase of the materials. The work design and the planting were performed by Mr. Dan Fiske and Pathfinder students. The Board would like to thank Mr. Fiske and his students for a "JOB WELL DONE!"

Although this thank you is redundant, we would like to thank all Department Heads, Employees, Boards, Committees and the residents of the Town of Palmer for their support and continuing cooperation throughout the year. As always, the close of the year has brought some projects to completion but some continue to remain on the Board's agenda. It is hoped that the next year will be as productive as this one.



Michael P. Strzemienski, Chairman
Mark T. MacDougall, Vice Chairman
Elaine J. Nikodem, Clerk

ANNUAL REPORT
TOWN CLERK

At a Special Town Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Palmer qualified to vote in town affairs, held at Palmer High School on February 23, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. in the evening, the following business was transacted:

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, John DiNuovo at 7:00 P.M. and a quorum was present.

ARTICLE 1. VOTED: Unanimously. To transfer the sum of $261.00 from The Group Health Insurance budget for unpaid bills as follows:

Treasurer Other Expenses	$59.99
Veterans Services Benefits	25.00
Police Department Other Expenses	177.00
Total	$261.99

ARTICLE 2. VOTED: As amended. That the sum of $40,000 be transferred from the Revenue Anticipation Note Account, that the sum of $10,000 be transferred from the General Insurance Account and further that the sum of $23,000 be transferred from the Group Health Insurance Account for a total transfer of $73,000.

ARTICLE 3. VOTED: That the sum of $6,050.00 be transferred from the Police Department Salary Account to the Police Chief's Salary Account.

ARTICLE 4. VOTED: That the sum of $4,000.00 be transferred from the Highway Department Salary Account to the Police Cruiser Maintenance Account.

ARTICLE 5. VOTED: That the sum of $8,000.00 be transferred from the Highway Department Salary Account to the Computer Maintenance Account.

ARTICLE 6. VOTED: That the sum of $2,000.00 be transferred from the Elections and Registration Part Time/Temporary Clerk Account to the Town Clerk Emergency Clerk Account.

ARTICLE 7. VOTED: That the sum of $5,000.00 be transferred from the Highway Department Salary Account to the Central Purchasing Office Supplies Account.

ARTICLE 8. VOTED: That the sum of $1,290.00 be transferred from the School Light Repair Reimbursements Account to the Palmer Public Schools Account.

ARTICLE 9. VOTED: That the Town accept the following by-law and insert said by-law in the proper place in the Code of the Town of Palmer:

CHAPTER 45
PAWNBROKERS

1. License required
No person, corporation, partnership or firm shall hereinafter carry on the business of pawnbroker in the Town of Palmer without first having obtained a license authorizing the carrying on of such business in the manner and upon the conditions stated in the succeeding sections of this chapter.

2. Limits on licenses
There shall be no more than two licenses issued and outstanding pursuant to this by-law at any given time in the town. Any license issued pursuant to this by-law shall be limited in its use to a single site within the town. Said site shall be in compliance with all zoning regulations of the town for use of said site as a pawnbroker business and any other purpose for which the said site is to be used. Any license issued pursuant to this by-law shall not be assignable or transferable by the licensee in any manner and shall terminate upon sale or transfer of the business of said licensee. The filing of bankruptcy by said licensee shall also terminate said license.

3. Pawnbroker's license
The Board of Selectmen may license suitable persons to carry on the business of pawnbrokers in this town pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 140 of the General Laws. The fee for such license shall be one hundred dollars ($100.00)

4. Records of purchases
Every pawnbroker within the limits of this town shall keep a permanently bound book in which shall be written, at the time, of every purchase or upon the receipt of any article, a description thereof, the name, age and residence of the person from whom, and the day and hour when, such purchase or receipt was made, and such book shall at all times be open to the inspection of officers of the police department and of any person authorized to make such inspection. Every pawnbroker shall require identification from said person in the form of one of the following: passport, military I.D., driver's license or state issued I.D. card. A copy of said identification shall be made by the pawnbroker and maintained in the permanent record.

5.. Note to be delivered to pawner; loss of note
Every licensed pawnbroker shall, at the time of each loan deliver to the person pawning or pledging any goods, article or thing, a memorandum or note, signed by him, containing the substance of the entry required to be made in his book by the

last preceding section, and no charge shall be made or received by any pawnbroker for any such entry, memorandum or note. The holder of such memorandum or note shall be presumed to be the person entitled to redeem the pledge, and the pawnbroker shall deliver such article to the person so presenting such memorandum or note on payment of principal and interest. Should such memorandum or note he lost or mislaid, the pawner shall at once apply to the pawnbroker, in which case it shall be the duty of the pawnbroker to permit such person to examine his books; in finding the entry for such memorandum, or note so lost or mislaid and upon his giving to the pawnbroker an exact description of the article pawned, the pawnbroker shall issue a second or stop memorandum or note for the same. In case such pawner neglects to so apply and to examine said books and receive such memorandum or note in the manner above stated the pawnbroker will be bound to deliver the pledge to any person producing such memorandum or note for the redemption thereof. This chapter is not to be construed as in any manner limiting or effecting such pawnbrokers common law liability in cases where goods are stolen or other defects of title exist in the pledger.

6. Inspection of pawnbroker's book

The book of a licensed pawnbroker shall be opened to the inspection of the Board of Selectmen, all Judges of the criminal courts, the police, or any or either of them, or any person who shall be duly authorized, in writing, for that purpose by any or either any of them and who shall exhibit such written authority to such pawnbroker.

7. Rate of interest

No licensed pawnbroker shall ask, demand or receive any greater rate of interest than allowed under the laws of the State of Massachusetts or as set by the licensing authority pursuant to its rules and regulations, whichever is less.

8. Dealing with minors

No keeper of a pawnshop shall directly or indirectly, either purchase or receive by way of barter or exchange any junk, old metal or secondhand articles of a minor knowingly or having reason to believe him to be such.

9. Articles held four (4) months days by keepers of pawnshops

No article pawned to the keeper of a pawnshop shall be sold until at least four (4) months from the date of its pawning or receipt has elapsed. The article shall be kept in an unaltered condition for the required time period. For the purposes of this section, "unaltered condition" means that item or article shall be kept in the same condition it was in at the time it was brought into the shop by the seller.

10. Purchase of certain items prohibited--Penalty

A. No keeper of a pawnshop shall take in pawn any item if it appears that such item has had any serial numbers or identifying marks removed or apparently removed.

B. For the purpose of this section, "identifying mark" included but is not limited to engravings, initials, or similar inscriptions on rings, watches or other level or similar inscriptions on other items.

C. Violation of any provision of this by-law, or the rules and regulations promulgated by the licensing authority, shall be grounds for revocation of a license granted under Section 1. This section, or any other section of this by-law, shall not limit any power of the licensing authority pursuant to the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to revoke any license at pleasure or otherwise.

11. Storage of items
Any item of merchandise within the custody or control of the licensee shall at all times be kept within the confines of the existing building and not on any exterior porches, decks or grounds.

12. Stolen property
Any item that is the subject of this by-law and which is stolen, and within the custody or control of the licensee, may be seized by the police as evidence. This section shall not abrogate or diminish the rights of the lawful owner in said item.

13. applicability
Any licensee granted a license pursuant to this by-law shall also comply with all other laws, rules and regulations of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts regarding pawnbrokers, including, without limitation, the provisions of M.G.L. chapter 140 Sec 70, et seq, in addition to the provisions of this by-law. This by-law shall not be construed as a limitation of said laws, rules and regulations.

14. Severability
In the event any section of this by-law shall be determined to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining sections shall remain in full force and effect.

ARTICLE 10. VOTED: That the sum of $27,000.00 be transferred from the Group Health Insurance Account to the Special Legal Services Account.

ARTICLE 11. VOTED: That the sum of $5,400.00 be transferred from the PRA Part-Time Director Account to the PRA Consultant Fees Account.

The meeting was adjourned and the warrant dissolved at 7:23 PM and so declared by the Moderator.

A true copy attest:

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Patricia C. Donovan, Town Clerk

At a legal Annual Town Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Palmer qualified to vote in town affairs, held at Palmer High School on June 1, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. in the evening the following business was transacted:

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, John DiNuovo at 7:00 P.M.. The warrant being in order and a quorum present, a motion was made to recess for the Special Town Meeting at 7:05 P.M..

ARTICLE 1 VOTED: 73 in favor; 9 opposed. That the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be authorized to borrow under Chapter 44, Section 7 or 8 of the Massachusetts General Laws the sum of $113,000.00 for the Downtown Railroad Overlook Park Project, said funds to be reimbursed by any and all funds received by the Town under the ISTEA Enhancement Grant Program.

ARTICLE 2. VOTED: That the sum of $19,000.00 be transferred from Free Cash to the School Building Project Account.

ARTICLE 3. VOTED: That the sum of $3,000.00 be transferred from the Groundwater Monitoring Account to the Chapter 90 Interest Account.

ARTICLE 4. VOTED: That the Town petition the legislature to file the following special legislation.

An Act authorizing the licensing authority of the Town of Palmer to issue an additional license for the sale of beer and wine to be drunk on the premises to the Palmer Inn.

Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section seventeen of chapter one hundred and thirty-eight of the General Laws, the licensing authority in the Town of Palmer is hereby authorized to issue a license for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises under the provisions of section twelve of said chapter one hundred and thirty-eight to The Palmer Inn. Said license shall be subject to all the provisions of said chapter one hundred and thirty-eight, except said section seventeen; provided, however, that the licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of said license to any other persons, organization, corporation or location for not less than one year; and provided further, that the license issued due to census reapportionment under the provisions of said section seventeen.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

ARTICLE 6. VOTED: That the sum of $5,910.00 be transferred from the Reconstruction of Mason Street (Peterson St.) to the Multi Purpose Bond V Principal Account.

ARTICLE 7. VOTED: That the sum of $25,000.00 be transferred from the Sludge Removal Account to the Reserve Fund under the control of the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 8. VOTED: That the sum of $60,833.00 be transferred from the Sanitary Landfill Contracted Services Account to the State Aided Reconstruction of Sewers and Sewer System Account.

ARTICLE 9. VOTED as amended: That the town transfer the following parcel of land in Thorndike Village, Palmer MA, to Michael P. & Diana M. Strzemienski, said parcel shown as Parcel B on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Thorndike, Palmer, Ma." dated May 15, 1998 by Sherman and Woods, Land Surveying & Engineering and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin on the southerly line of land of The Town of Palmer off Main Street as shown on said plan, thence running;

N 66° 15' 39" E	four hundred seven and 70/100 feet (407,70') along the southerly line of said Town of Palmer land to an iron pin at land of Strzemienski, thence turning and running;
S 07°42' 20" E	one hundred sixteen and 86/100 feet (116.86') along last named land to an iron pin, thence turning and running;
S 82°55' 00" W	three hundred ninety one and 86/100 feet (391.86') along l last named land to the point of beginning.

Containing an area of 22,896 Sq. Ft.

ARTICLE 10. VOTED as amended: That the Town accept from Michael P. & Diana M. Strzemienski, a parcel of land in Thorndike, Palmer, MA shown as Parcel A on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Thorndike, Palmer, MA, " prepared for the Town of Palmer dated May 15, 1998 by Sherman and Woods, Land Surveying & Engineering and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin on the southerly line of land of The Town of Palmer off Main Street as shown on said plan, thence running;

N 82° 55' 00" E	three hundred eight and 27/100 feet (308.27') along the southerly line of said Town of Palmer land to an iron pin at Parcel B on said plan, thence turning and running;

S66° 15' 39" W	seventy six and 78/100 feet (76.78') along land of Strzemienski to an iron pin thence turning and running;
S 82° 16' 41" W	one hundred eighty eight and 62/100 feet (188.62') along last named land to an iron pin, thence turning and running;
N 69°28' 33" W	fifty two and 03/100 feet (52.03') along last named land to the point of beginning.

Containing an area of 5,714 Sq. Ft.

ARTICLE 11. VOTED as amended: That the Town accept from Michael P. & Diana M. Strzemienski a parcel of land in Thorndike Village, Palmer, Ma., as shown as Parcel C on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Thorndike, Palmer, MA," prepared for The Town of Palmer dated May 15, 1998 by Sherman and Woods, Land Surveying & Engineering and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin at the northwesterly corner of the parcel to be described off Main Street as shown on said plan, thence running;

S 62° 47' 20" E	two hundred forty three and 03/100 feet (243.03') along the southerly line of land of the Town of Palmer to an iron pin at land of Strzemienski on said plan, thence turning and running;
S 86°04' 00" W	one hundred ninety nine and 71/100 feet (199.71') along land of Strzemienski to an iron pin at Parcel B on said plan, thence turning and running;
N 97°42' 20" W	one hundred twenty five and 97/100 feet (125.97') along land of the Town of Palmer to the point of beginning.

Containing an area of 12,551 Sq. Ft.

The warrant for the Special Town Meeting was dissolved at 7:30 P.M. and the Annual Town Meeting was reconvened and so declared by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 3. VOTED: That the Town fix the compensation of all elected Town Officers for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1998 and ending June 30, 1999 as follows:

Moderator	$ 208.00
Selectmen	9,329.00
Treasurer	7,195.00

Town Collector	40,894.00
Town Clerk (All fees revert to Town Treasury)	40,894.00
Assessors	8,885.00
License Commission Members	No salary
Planning Board Members	No salary
Palmer Redevelopment Authority Members	No salary
Board of Health Members	9,058.00
School Committee Members	No salary
Pathfinder regional Voc. Tech. High School District Comm.Members	No salary
Park Commissioners	No salary
Palmer Housing authority Members	No salary

ARTICLE 4. VOTED: Unanimous. To authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1998, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 176 and to see whether the Town will authorize the Treasurer (Collector) to enter into compensating balance agreements during Fiscal Year 1999, as permitted by General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53F.

ARTICLE 5. VOTED: Unanimous. To authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow moneys permitted by law to meet any appropriations.

ARTICLE 6. VOTED: To authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in Town, and by advertising once in a local newspaper, fourteen days at least before the sale, any old and obsolete equipment or personal property, provided that the Selectmen or whomesoever they may authorize to hold such auction or sale may reject any bid which they deem inadequate.

ARTICLE 7. VOTED: Unanimous. To authorize the Selectmen to sell at public auction, after first giving notice of the time and place of sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient and public place in the Town, and by advertising once in a local newspaper, fourteen days at least before the sale, property taken by the Town under Tax Title procedure, provided that the Selectmen or whomsoever

they may authorize to hold such auction may reject any bid which they deem inadequate.

ARTICLE 8. VOTED: That the sum of $100,000 be raised and appropriated to the Reserve Fund under the control of the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 9. VOTED: That the sum of $44.00 be raised and appropriated for unpaid bills of previous years as follows:

Veterans' Benefits	$44.00
Total	$44.00

ARTICLE 10. VOTED: To raise money and make appropriations to defray the expenses of the Town of Palmer for Fiscal Year 1999 as follows:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

1	MODERATOR SALARY		$ 208.00
	SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT		
2	Salaries	$ 9,329.00	
3	Executive Secretary	$ 51,107.00	
4	Clerical	$ 25,731.00	
5	Procurement Officer	$ 2,600.00	
6	Other Expenses	$ 21,476.00	
7	Contingent	$ 74.00	
8	Maint. & Disposition of Former School Bldgs.	$ 1,568.00	
			$111,885.00
	ACCOUNTANT'S DEPARTMENT		
9	Salary	$41,144.00	
10	Clerical	$21,053.00	
11	Other Expenses	$ 970.00	
			$ 63,167.00
	TREASURER		
12	Salary	$ 7,195.00	
13	Clerical	$ 41,372.00	
14	Other Expenses	$ 21,435.00	
			$ 70,002.00
	COLLECTOR		
15	Salary	$40,894.00	
16	Clerical	$43,620.00	
17	Other Expenses	$17,485.00	

			$ 101,999.00
	TOWN CLERK		
18	Salary	$40,894.00	
19	Clerical	$25,041.00	
20	Emergency Clerical	$ 1,000.00	
21	Other Expenses	$ 2,290.00	
22	Dog-by-law Equipment	$ 610.00	
			$ 69,835.00
	ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION		
23	Registrars'/Clerk salaries	$ 4,321.00	
24	Clerical	$11,461.00	
25	Other Expenses	$19,986.00	
			$ 35,768.00
	ASSESSORS		
26	Salaries	$ 8,885.00	
27	Assistant Assessor	$ 35,783.00	
28	Clerical	$ 30,823.00	
29	Other Expenses	$ 7,307.00	
30	Revaluation of Properties	$ 22,500.00	
31	Map Updating	$ 1,200.00	
			$106,498.00
	COMPUTER SYSTEM ADMIN.		
32	Computer Maint. Salary	$ 4,481.00	
33	Supplies	$ 10,454.00	
34	Hardware & Software Main.	$ 24,800.00	
35	Upgrade & Training	$ 8,500.00	
			$ 48,235.00
	LAW & CLAIMS		
36	Salary of Town Counsel	$ 20,800.00	
37	Other Expenses	$ 1,637.00	
38	Special Legal Services	$ 1,297.00	
39	Associate Town Counsel	$ 7,355.00	
			$ 31,089.00
	LICENSE COMMISSIONERS		
40	Clerical	$ 500.00	
41	Expenses	$ 1,071.00	
			$ 1,571.00
	MEMORIAL HALL		
42	Salary of Custodian	$ 5,587.00	
43	Other Expenses	$ 7,526.00	
			$ 13,113.00

	PALMER TOWN BUILDING		
44	Other Expenses	$ 21,667.00	
45	Custodian	$ 19,507.00	
46	Maintenance Fund	$ 10,150.00	
			$ 51,324.00
	ENGINEERS		
47	Consulting Engin	$ 17,944.00	
	FINANCE COMMITTEE		
48	Salary Recording Secretary	$ 1,545.00	
49	Other Expenses	$ 350.00	
			$ 1,895.00
	PLANNING BOARD		
50	Clerical	$ 28,000.00	
51	Emergency Clerical	$ 1,000.00	
52	Other Expenses	$ 11,843.00	
53	Court Time Salary	$ 500.00	
			$ 41,343.00
	BOARD OF APPEALS		
54	Recording Secretary	$ 3,920.00	
55	Consulting Engineer	$ 1,000.00	
56	Expenses	$ 648.00	
			$ 5,568.00
	COUNCIL ON AGING		
57	Director	$ 28,219.00	
58	Drivers	$ 24,235.00	
59	Substitute Drivers	$ 1,040.00	
60	Expenses	$ 4,112.00	
			$ 57,606.00
	PALMER REDEVELOP. AUTH.		
61	Clerical	$ 3,500.00	
62	Maint. of Industrial Park/Exp.	$ 3,500.00	
63	Expenses	$ 1,500.00	
64	Consulting Engineer	$ 13,500.00	
65	Legal Expenses	$ 6,500.00	
			$ 28,500.00
66	CENTRAL PURCHASING		$ 16,265.00

67	CENTL. PURCH. TEL.		$ 25,004.00
TOTAL FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT			$898,819.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

POLICE DEPARTMENT			
68	Chief of Police	$60,000.00	
69	Salaries	$910,015.00	
70	Overtime	$152,000.00	
71	Other Expenses	$ 75,332.00	
72	Cruiser	$ 54,000.00	
73	Equipment	$ 4,900.00	
74	DARE	$ 6,000.00	
			$1,262,247.00
	AUXILIARY POLICE		
75	Expenses		$ 1,098.00
	CIVIL DEFENSE		
76	Salary	$ 676.00	
77	Expenses	$ 150.00	
			$ 826.00
	FOREST WARDEN		
78	Salary	$ 3,843.00	
79	Other Expenses	$ 2,545.00	
80	Out of District Fires	$ 1,870.00	
			$ 8,258.00
	FORESTRY DEPARTMENT		
81	Forest Pest Control/Tree Warden	$ 2,137.00	
82	Other Expenses	$10,861.00	
83	Dutch Elm Disease	$ 2,030.00	
84	Insect Pest Control	$ 508.00	
			$ 15,536.00
	SEALER		
85	Salary	$ 2,497.00	
86	Other Expenses	$ 350.00	
			$ 2,847.00
	DOG OFFICER		
87	Dog Officer Salary	$17,048.00	
88	Other Expenses	$10,000.00	

			$27,048.00
	GAS INSPECTOR		
89	Salary	$ 6,000.00	
90	Expenses	$ 319.99	
			$ 6,319.00
91	TOWN FIRE ENGINEER		$ 175.00
	CONSERVATION COMMISSION		
92	CLERICAL	$ 6,131.00	
93	Expenses	$ 1,450.00	
			$ 7,581.00
	WIRE INSPECTOR		
94	Salary	$11,500.00	
95	Expenses	$ 709.00	
			$ 12,209.00
	HISTORICAL COMMISSION		
96	Expenses		$ 606.00
	BUILDING INSPECTOR		
97	Salary	$36,204.00	
98	Vacation Replacement	$ 600.00	
99	Expenses	$ 1,272.00	
			$ 38,076.00
	PARKING CLERK		
100	Processing Fees		$ 877.00
TOTAL PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY			$1,383,703.00

HEALTH & SANITATION

	BOARD OF HEALTH		
101	Salaries	$ 9,058.00	
102	Health Clerical	$17,167.00	
103	Other Expenses	$13,239.00	
			$39,464.00
	BOARD OF HEALTH CLINICS		
104	Clinics	$ 3,300.00	
105	Emergency Fund	$ 1,000.00	

			$ 4,300.00
	MILK INSPECTION		
106	Salary	$ 448.00	
107	Expenses	$ 63.00	
			$ 511.00
	ANIMAL INSPECTION		
108	Salary	$ 1,406.00	
109	Expenses	$ 262.00	
			$ 1,668.00
110.	VITAL STATISTICS		$ 485.00
	VERMIN CONTROL		
111.	Salary	$ 734.00	
112	Expenses	$ 446.00	
			$ 1,180.00
	PLUMBING INSPECTOR		
113	Salary	$ 6,619.99	
114	Expenses	$ 1,056.00	
			$ 7,675.00
	SANITARY LANDFILL		
115	Scrap Metal Removal/ Recycling	$ 1,000.00	
116	Municipal Solid Waste	$30,000.00	
117	Groundwater Monitoring	$15,500.00	
			$46,500.00
	SEWER MAINTENANCE		
118	Trunkmain Cleaning	$ 3,137.00	
119	General Maintenance	$10,956.00	
			$14,093.00
	WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT		
120	WWTP Supt. Salary	$ 41,108.00	
121	Labor	$304,720.00	
122	Overtime	$ 35,500.00	
123	Expenses	$462,400.00	
124	Quaboag Co-op Project	$ 2,500.00	
125	Federal & State Mandates	$ 20,000.00	
126	Sludge Disposal	$340,000.00	
			$1,206,228.00
TOTAL FOR HEALTH AND SANITATION			$1,322,104.00

HIGHWAYS

GENERAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE

127	Highway Supt. Salary	$ 49,185.00
128	Clerical	$ 15,506.00
129	Labor	$323,494.00
130	Overtime	$ 15,682.00
131	General Highway Maint.	$ 80,411.00
132	St. Signs & Traffic Reg..	$ 8,737.00
133	Maint. Railroad Crossings	$ 4,094.00
134	General Sidewalk Maint.	$ 11,928.00
135	Surface Treatment	$ 16,969.00
136	Snow Removal	$ 40,300.00
137	Street Lighting	$ 80,383.00
138	Copier/Computer Maint.	$ 1,523.00

TOTAL FOR HIGHWAYS $648,212.00

VETERANS' DEPARTMENT

139	Veterans' Agent	$ 11,337.00
140	Veterans' Benefits	$ 78,350.00
141	Veterans' Expenses	$ 1,650.00

TOTAL FOR VETERANS' DEPARTMENT $ 91,337.00

EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

142	Public Schools	$10,864,607.00
143	Pathfinder Regional	$ 745,458.00
144	Palmer Public Library	$ 551,254.00

TOTAL FOR EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES $12,161,319.00

PARKS, RECREATION AND CELEBRATIONS

PARKS DEPARTMENT

145	Park Supt. Salary	$ 48,815.00
146	Clerical	$ 3,500.00
147	Labor	$ 165,817.00
148	Overtime	$ 10,000.00
149	Summer Help	$ 12,000.00
150	Other Expenses	$ 34,865.00

$274,997.00

	PARKS MAINTENANCE			
151	Pee Wee Park Maintenance	$ 3,600.00		
152	Nick Laviolette Field	$ 3,100.00		
153	Maintenance School Grounds	$ 13,800.00		
154	Main. New Burleigh Park	$ 3,000.00		
155	Main. Bondsville Park	$ 2,000.00		
156	Main. Shaw Street Property	$ 2,000.00		
			$ 27,500.00	
	RECREATION			
157	Salaries	$ 22,118.00		
158	Other Expenses	$ 7,973.00		
			$ 30,091.00	
159	MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE		$ 2,680.00	
TOTAL PARKS, RECREATION AND CELEBRATIONS				$335,268.00
	CEMETERY DEPARTMENT			
160	Labor	$ 59,784.00		
161	Salary of Secretary	$ 3,393.00		
162	On-Call Summer Labors	$ 5,000.00		
163	Other Expenses	$ 31,297.00		
				$ 99,474.00
	PENSIONS			
164	County Retire. Assessment	$516,573.00		
165	Non-Contributory 1	$ 25,995.00		
TOTAL FOR PENSIONS				$542,568.00
	INSURANCE			
166	General Insurance	$ 252,890.00		
167	Group Health Insurance	$1,456,000.00		
168	Group Life Insurance	$ 15,000.00		
169	Unemployment	$ 25,000.00		
170	Medicare	$ 90,000.00		
TOTAL FOR INSURANCE				$1,838,890.00
	UNCLASSIFIED			
171	Town Reports	$ 10,500.00		
172	Hazardous Waste Account	$ 9,592.00		
TOTAL FOR UNCLASSIFIED				$ 20,092.00

	INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT		
173	Tax Anticipation Notes	$ 50,000.00	
174	WWTP Facilities	$ 1,513.00	
175	Abated Taxes	$ 2,500.00	
176	School Building Project	$1,467,737.00	
177	Multi Purpose Bond Issue	$ 14,463.00	
178	Multi-Purpose Bond Issue II	$ 8,275.00	
179	Chapter 90 Highway	$ 20,000.00	
180	Multi-Purpose Bond Issue II	$ 11,330.00	
181	Multi-Purpose Bond Issue IV	$ 3,150.00	
182	Multi-Purpose V Ban	$ 30,593.00	
183	Multi-Purpose VI Ban	$ 40,000.00	
TOTAL INTEREST			$1,649,561.00
	PRINCIPAL		
184	WWTP Facilities	$ 55,000.00	
185	Multi-Purpose Bond Issue	$ 155,000.00	
186	School Building Project	$ 1,545,000.00	
187	Multi-Purpose Issue BondII	$ 40,000.00	
188	Multi-Purpose Issue Bond III	$ 110,000.00	
189	Multi-Purpose Issue Bond IV	$ 40,000.00	
190	Multi-Purpose Issue Bond V	$ 110,000.00	
TOTAL PRINCIPAL			$2,055,000.00
TOTAL OF ARTICLE 10		TAXATION`	$23,046,347.00

ARTICLE 11. VOTED: That the sum of $19,800.00 be raised and appropriated to defray the expenses of the following sport groups within the Town of Palmer as follows:

Palmer Midget Baseball League	$2,200.00
Palmer Cowboy Football Team	$2,200.00
Palmer Lil' Girls Softball League	$2,200.00
Palmer Kicker's Soccer Assoc.	$2,200.00
Palmer Suburban Basketball Assoc.	$2,200.00
Palmer Pony Baseball League	$2,200.00
Palmer Stripers Swim Club	$2,200.00
Palmer Youth Basketball	$2,200.00
Palmer Suburban/Metro Girls Fast Pitch Softball League	$2,200.00
Total	$19,800.00

ARTICLE 12. VOTED: That the sum of $14,000.00 be raised and appropriated to conduct an examination of books and records of the Town of Palmer for the period July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999 in compliance with Federal Grant Regulations and in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards.

ARTICLE 13. VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for any and to expend any State or Federal grants that may become available to the Town of Palmer.

ARTICLE 14. VOTED: That the sum or $1,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the yearly update of the Code of Palmer.

ARTICLE 15. VOTED: That the sum of $1,000.00 be raised and appropriate for the restoration of Town records.

ARTICLE 16. VOTED: That the sum of $6,343.00 be raised and appropriated as follows:

The Greater Springfield Senior Services, Inc.	$1,343.00
The Valley Human Services, Inc.	$5,000.00
Total	$6,343.00

ARTICLE 17. VOTED: Indefinite postponement on Article 17.
(reconstruction & pavement of parking lot at the Palmer Town Building)

ARTICLE 18. VOTED: That the sum of $11,894.00 be raised and appropriated for Building and Shed Improvements at the Palmer Public Library.

ARTICLE 19. VOTED: Indefinite postponement on Article 19.
(21 Horsepower Tractor with loader and back hoe for the Cemetery Department)

ARTICLE 20. VOTED: Unanimous. That the sum of $134,000.00 be borrowed for roof replacement and/or repairs of the Waste Water Treatment Plant and related facilities.

ARTICLE 21. VOTED: Indefinite postponement on Article 21.
(One ton pick up truck with gas engine, four-wheel drive, automatic transmission and plow attachment for the Waste Water Treatment Plant.)

ARTICLE 22. VOTED: Indefinite postponement on Article 22.
(fence replacement program at Legion Field)

ARTICLE 23. VOTED: That the sum of $30,000.00 be raised and appropriated to purchase a 3/4 ton pick up truck with plow for the Park Department.

ARTICLE 24. VOTED: Indefinite postponement on Article 24.
(reseal the three tennis courts located at Eager Field)

ARTICLE 25. VOTED: That the sum of $1,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the Millennium Committee.

ARTICLE 26. VOTED: That the sum of $7,200.00 be raised and appropriated for the removal and replacement of the retaining wall, the patching and repair of the sidewalk located on North Street, Three Rivers.

ARTICLE 27. VOTED: That the sum of $3,850.00 be raised and appropriated for the removal and replacement of the retaining wall located on Fox Street, Palmer.

ARTICLE 28. VOTED: That the sum of $3,600.00 be raised and appropriated for the removal and replacement of the retaining wall located at 1232 South Main Street.

ARTICLE 29. VOTED: Unanimous. That the sum of $74,000.00 be borrowed for the removal and/or replacement of the underground storage tank/s located at the Palmer Highway Department, Bridge Street, Palmer and further, that said amount be reduced by funds that may become available to the town from the Underground Storage Tank Petroleum Product Cleanup Grant Program.

ARTICLE 30. VOTED: Unanimous. That the sum of $30,000.00 be borrowed to purchase voting machines for the Election and Registrations Department.

ARTICLE 31. VOTED: Unanimous. That the sum of $30,000.00 be borrowed for the Fiscal Year 1998 Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant Streetscape Improvements Program, said account to be reduced by any funds received from any State or Federal Grants granted to the Town.
ARTICLE 32. VOTED: Indefinite postponement on Article 32.
(two trailers and out buildings on Town Property at 1149 Thorndike St.)

ARTICLE 33. VOTED: That the sum of $4,500.00 be raised and appropriated for consulting services for the purpose of Cable Television Franchise negotiations.

ARTICLE 34. VOTED: That the Town vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 97A.(Police Dept.,Chief of Police, Powers & Duties)

ARTICLE 35. VOTED: That the sum of $4,275.00 be raised and appropriated as the Town's share of any grants received from the Federal Fiscal Year 1997 Local Law Enforcement Block Grant.

ARTICLE 36. VOTED: Indefinite postponement on Article 36.
(5-7 yard, diesel dump truck with sander, plow and spot chains for Highway Department)

ARTICLE 37. VOTED: Indefinite postponement on Article 37.
(1998 3/4 ton, four-wheel drive, pick up truck with plow for Highway Department)

ARTICLE 38. VOTED: That the Town amend the agreement between the Towns of Belchertown, Granby, Monson, New Braintree, Palmer and Ware, Massachusetts with respect to the Establishment of a Regional Vocational Technical High School District pursuant to the provision of Section VII of the Regional School District Agreement to allow for the admission of the Town of Hardwick to the District as follows:

AMENDMENT NO. 12 TO THE AGREEMENT

BETWEEN THE TOWNS OF BELCHERTOWN, GRANBY, MONSON, NEW BRAINTREE, PALMER AND WARE, MASSACHUSETTS WITH RESPECT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

The "Agreement Among the Towns of Belchertown, Granby, Monson, New Braintree, Palmer and Ware, Massachusetts, with Respect to the Establishment of a Regional Vocational Technical High School District," (the "Agreement") is hereby amended as follows:

1.Preamble. (a) The first paragraph of the Preamble to the Agreement is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

"Agreement among the towns of Belchertown, Granby, Hardwick Monson, New Braintree, Palmer and Ware, Massachusetts, with Respect to the Establishment of a Regional Vocational Technical High School District."

(b) The second paragraph of the Preamble of the Agreement is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:
"This Agreement is entered into pursuant to Chapter 71 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as amended, among the Towns of BELCHERTOWN, GRANBY, HARDWICK, MONSON, NEW BRAINTREE, PALMER and WARE, Massachusetts. In consideration of the mutual promises herein contained, it is hereby agreed as follows:"

II. Additional Committee Member from Hardwick

Section I of the Agreement is hereby amended by adding at the end a new section (J) as follows:

(J) Admission of Hardwick.

(a) Within ten days following the approval of an amendment to the Agreement providing for the admission of the Town of Hardwick into the District, the moderator of the Town of Hardback shall appoint one member to serve on the Committee, whose term shall expire at the next biennial District election, at which election a successor shall be elected to serve for a term of 4 years.

III. Apportionment of Operating Costs to the Town of Hardwick.

Section IV of the Agreement is hereby amended by adding at the end of subsection IV(H) the following new paragraph:

"The terms of this Section shall apply to the Town of Hardwick except that the Town of Hardwick shall not be assessed an annual surcharge for the partial reimbursement of the original member towns for their payment of capital costs on account or the original regional District school building."

IV. Effective date

This Amendment No. 12 to the Agreement shall take effect upon its acceptance by each of the member town, in accordance with the terms of Section VII of the Agreement.

ARTICLE 39. VOTED:: To accept and allow Town Ways in the Village of Thorndike, Palmer, Ma. known as Brittany Drive, Countryside Drive, and Lauren Drive, as shown on a plan entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan Countryside Acres, Palmer, Ma. May 1988, prepared by Almer Huntley Jr. & Associates, Inc.

Description of Brittany Drive in Thorndike, Palmer, MA
to be accepted as a Town Way

A certain street in Thorndike, Palmer, MA shown as Brittany Drive on a plan entitled "Definitive Subdivision of Land in Palmer, MA Prepared for Onley Mountain Realty Corporation and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds Plan Book 272, Pages 6-9, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the westerly line of Lauren Drive and the northeasterly corner of Lot 34 as shown on said plan, thence running;

Northerly and westerly in a curve to the left with a radius of twenty and 00/100 feet (20.00'), a length of thirty and 23/100 feet (30.23') along Lot 34 to a point, thence turning and running;

N 55° 30'45" W fifty-six and 16/100 feet (56.16') along Lot 34 to a point thence turning and running;

Northwesterly in a curve to the right with a radius of five hundred seventy and 00/100 feet (570.00'), a length of one hundred ninety three and 06/100 feet (193.06') along Lot 34 and Lot 33 to a point, thence turning and running;

N 36° 06' 23" W thirty one and 96/100 feet (31.96') along Lot 33 to a point, thence turning and running;

Northwesterly in a curve to the left with a radius of thirty and 00/100 feet (30.00'), a length of twenty seven and 40/100 feet (27.40') along Lot 33 and Lot 32 to a point, thence turning and running;

Northwesterly, northerly, easterly and southeasterly in a curve to the right with a radius of sixty and 00/100 feet (60.00'), a length of two hundred ninety eight and 10/100 feet (298.10') along Lot 32 and Lot 31 to a point, thence turning and running;

Southeasterly in a curve to the left with a radius of thirty and 00/100 feet (30.00'), a length of twenty seven and 40/100 feet (27.40') along Lot 31 and Lot 30 to a point, thence turning and running;

S 36° 06' 23" E thirty one and 96/100 feet (31.96') along Lot 30 to a point, thence turning and running;

Southeasterly in a curve to the left with a radius of five hundred twenty and 00/100 feet (520.00'), a length of one hundred seventy six and 12/100 feet (176.12') along lot 30 and Lot 29 to a point, thence turning and running;

S 55° 30' 45" E fifty six and 16/100 feet (56.16') along Lot 29 to a point, thence turning and running;

Easterly in a curve to the left with a radius of twenty and 00/100 feet (20.00'), a length of thirty and 23/100 feet (30.23') along Lot 29 to a point on the westerly line of Lauren Drive, thence turning and running;

Southerly along the westerly line of Lauren Drive to the point of beginning.

Said street is laid out 50' wide over land of Onley Mountain Realty Corporation and to be known as Brittany Drive.

Description of Countryside Drive in Thorndike, Palmer, MA
to be accepted as a Town Way

A certain street in Thorndike, Palmer, MA shown as Countryside Drive on a plan entitled "Definitive Subdivision of Land in Palmer, MA Prepared for Onley Mountain Realty Corporation and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds Plan Book 272, Pages 6-9, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northerly line of River Street and the southeasterly comer of Lot 21 as shown on said plan, thence running;

Easterly and northerly in a curve to the left with a radius of twenty and 00/100 feet (20.00'), a length of thirty one and 88/100 feet (31.88') along Lot 21 to a point, thence turning and running;

N 00' 42' 52" W fifty two and 67/100 feet 52.67') along Lot 21 to a point, thence turning and running;

Northerly in a curve to the right with a radius of three hundred twenty five and 00/100 feet (325.00'), a length of two hundred thirty and 84/100 feet (230.84') along Lot 21 and Lot 20 to a point, thence turning and running;

N 39 58' 56" E four hundred thirty six and 76/100 feet (436.76') along Lot 20, Lot 19, Lot 18 and Lot 17 to a point, thence turning and running;

Northerly in a curve to the left with a radius of three hundred forty and 00/100 feet (340.00'), a length of one hundred eighty nine and 66/100 feet (189.66') along Lot 17 to a point, thence turning and running;

N 08 01' 14" E eleven and 24/100 feet (11.24') along Lot 17 to a point, thence turning and running;

Northerly and westerly in a curve to the left with a radius of twenty and 00/100 feet (20.00') , a length of thirty one and 42/100 feet (31.42') along Lot 17 to a point on the southerly line of Lauren Drive, thence turning and running;

Easterly along the southerly line of Lauren Drive to a point at Lot 11, thence turning and running;

Westerly and southerly in a curve to the left with a radius of twenty and 00/100 feet (20.00'),. a length of thirty one and 42/100 feet (31.42') along Lot 11 to a point, thence turning and running;

S 08 01' 14" W eleven and 24/100 feet (11.24') along Lot 11 to a point, thence turning and running;

Southerly in a curve to the right with a radius of three hundred ninety and 00/100 feet (390.00'), a length of two hundred seventeen and 56/100 feet (217.56') along Lot 11 and Lot 10 to a point, thence turning and running;

S 39°58' 56" W four hundred thirty six and 76/100 feet (436.76') along Lot 10, Lot 9, Lot 8 and Lot 35 to a point, thence turning and running;

Southeasterly in a curve to the left with a radius of two hundred seventy five and 00/100 feet (275.00'), a length of one hundred ninety five and 33/100 feet (195.33') along Lot 35 to a point, thence turning and running;

S 00°42' 52" E fifty two and 67/100 feet (52.67') along Lot 35 to a point, thence turning and running;

Southerly and easterly in a curve to the left with a radius of twenty and 00/100 feet (20.00'), a length of thirty one and 88/100 feet (31.88') along Lot 35 to a point on the northerly fine of River Street, thence turning and running;

Westerly in a curve to the right with a radius of one thousand nine hundred seventy nine and 86/100 feet (1979. 86'), a length of ninety and 92/100 feet (90.92')along the northerly line of River Street to the point of beginning.

Said street is laid out 50' wide over land of Onley Mountain Realty Corporation and to be known as Countryside Drive.

Description of Lauren Drive in Thorndike, Palmer, MA to be accepted as a Town Way

A certain street in Thorndike, Palmer MA shown as Lauren Drive on a plan entitled "Definitive Subdivision of Land in Palmer, MA Prepared for Onley Mountain Realty Corporation and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds Plan Book 272, Pages 6-9, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northerly line of River Street and the southeasterly comer of Lot 34 as shown on said plan, thence running;

Easterly and northerly in a curve to the left with a radius of twenty and 00/100 feet (20.00'), a length of thirty one and 42/100 feet (31.42') along Lot 34 to a point, thence turning and running;

N 08° 26' 38" E eighty and 00/100 feet (80.00') along Lot 34 to a point, thence turning and running;

Northerly in a curve to the right with a radius of seven hundred forty and 00/100 feet (740.00'), a length of two hundred ninety two and 52/l00 feet (292.52') along Lot 34 to a point at the start of Brittany Drive, thence turning and running;

Northerly along the easterly end of Brittany Drive to a point at Lot 29, thence turning and running;

Northeasterly in a curve to the right with a radius of seven hundred forty and 00/100 feet (740.00'), a length of two hundred eight and 54/100 feet (208.54') along Lot 29 and Lot 16 to a point, thence turning and running;

N 54° 01' 43" E three hundred seventy and 00/100 feet (370.00') along Lot 16 to a point, thence turning and running;

Northeasterly in a curve to the right with a radius of three hundred twenty five and 00/100 feet (325.00'), a length of two hundred forty nine and 54/100 feet (249.54') along Lot 16 to a point, thence turning and running;

S 81° 58' 46" E five hundred one and 20/100 feet (501.20') along Lot 16, crossing land now or formerly of Springfield Street Railway, along Lot 15, Lot 14 and Lot 13 to a point, thence turning and running;

Northeasterly in a curve to the left with a radius of thirty and 00/100 feet (30.00'), a length of twenty seven and 40/100 feet (27.40') along Lot 13 and Lot 12 to a point, thence turning and running;

Northeasterly, easterly, southerly and westerly in a curve to the right with a radius of sixty and 00/100 feet (60.00'), a length of two hundred ninety eight and 00/100 feet (298.10') along Lot 12, Lot 3, Lot 4 and Lot 11 to a point, thence turning and running;

Northwesterly in a curve to the left with a radius of thirty and 00/100 feet (30.00'), a length of twenty seven and 40/100 feet (27.40') along Lot 11 to a point, thence turning and running;

N 81° 58' 46" W one hundred fifty nine and 76/100 feet (159.76') along Lot 11, to a point at the northerly end of Countryside Drive, thence turning and running; Westerly along the northerly end of Countryside Drive to point at Lot 17, thence turning and running;

N 81°58' 46" W two hundred fifty one and 44/100 feet (251.44') along Lot 11, crossing land now or formerly of Springfield Street Railway, and along Lot 28 to a point, thence turning and running;

Southwesterly in a curve to the left with a radius of two hundred seventy five and 00/100 feet (275.00'), a length of two hundred eleven ad 15/100 feet (211.15') along Lot 28 to a point, thence turning and running;

S 54° 01' 43" W three hundred seventy and 00/100 feet (370.00') along Lot 28, Lot 27 and Lot 26 to a point, thence turning and running;

Southwesterly in a curve to the left with a radius of six hundred ninety and 00/100 feet (690.00'), a length of five hundred forty eight and 97/100 feet (548.97') along Lot 26, Lot 25, Lot 24, Lot 23 and Lot 22 to a point, thence turning and running;

S 08° 26' 38" W seventy nine and 97/100 feet (79.97') along Lot 22, to a point, thence turning and running;

Southerly and easterly in a curve to the left with a radius of twenty ad 00/100 feet (20.00"), a length of thirty one and 52/100 feet (31.52') along Lot 22 to a point on the northerly line of River Street, thence turning and running;

Westerly in a curve to the right with a radius of one thousand nine hundred sixty six and 12/100 feet (1966.12'), a length of ten and 04/100 feet (10.04') along the northerly line of River Street to a point, thence turning and running;

N 81° 33' 22" W eighty and 06/100 feet (80.06') along the northerly line of River Street to the point of beginning.

Said street is laid out 50' wide over land of Onley Mountain Realty Corporation and land now or formerly of Springfield Street Railway and to be known as Lauren Drive. See Railway crossing rights as stated in Book 644 Page 35.

ARTICLE 40. VOTED: To amend the By-Laws of the Town of Palmer by deleting Chapter 164-1, 164-2, 164-3 and 164-4 under Article 10 and inserting in its place the following new sections:

164.-1 Unauthorized storage prohibited.
No person shall permit more than one (1) unregistered motor vehicle or trailer or major parts thereof, except for farm vehicles, to remain ungaraged on said person's premises at any time unless under a Class 1 or Class 3 license for the sale of motor vehicles (Chapter 140, Secs. 57 to 69, of the Annotated Laws of Massachusetts) or unless written authorization is granted by the Selectmen following an investigation and report thereon by the Board of Health.

164-2. Granting of authorization; public hearing.
Authorization shall be granted only if no hazard to health or safety is involved and no unsightly conditions visible from adjacent property or public ways are created.

Authorization of more than one (1) unregistered vehicle shall be granted only following a public hearing, for which public notice shall be given.

164-3. Enforcement.
This chapter shall be enforced by the Chief of Police. Violation of this section may be enforceable under MGL Chapter 40 Sec. 21d.

164-4. Penalty.
Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars ($100) for each offense (one or more vehicles constitutes one offense). Each day that such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

The meeting was adjourned and the warrant dissolved at 9:00 PM and so declared by the Moderator.

A true copy
ATTEST:

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Patricia C. Donovan, Town Clerk

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At a legal Special Town Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Palmer qualified to vote in town affairs, held at Palmer High School on November 16, 1998 at 7:00 P.M. in the evening the following business was transacted:

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, John DiNuovo at 7:00 P.M. The warrant was in order and a quorum was present.

ARTICLE 1. VOTED: Unanimous. As amended. That the sum of $463.58 be raised and appropriated as follows:

Highway Dept. O.E.	$293.65
Veterans Services Ordinary Benefits	111.00
Conservation Comm O.E.	58.93
Total	$463.58

ARTICLE 2. VOTED: That the sum of $14,000.00 be raised and appropriated for vegetation control on the Three Rivers Flood Control Area.

ARTICLE 3. VOTED That the sum of $13,000 be raised and appropriated for masonry repairs at Memorial Hall.

ARTICLE 4. VOTED: To rescind the action taken at the Annual Town Meeting under Article 27 (Repairs to Retaining Wall Fox Street, Palmer.)

ARTICLE 5. VOTED: To rescind the action taken at the Annual town Meeting under Article 28; (Repairs to Retaining Wall South Main Street, Palmer)

ARTICLE 6. VOTED: That the sum of $4,450.00 be raised and appropriated for repairs to the wall located on the corner of Sasur and Linda Streets, Three Rivers.

ARTICLE 7. VOTED: That the sum of $25,000.00 be raised and appropriated for Ban VII (Bond Anticipation Note) Account.

ARTICLE 8. VOTED: That the sum of $30,000.00 be raised and appropriated to purchase a 1998, 3/4 ton, four wheel-drive, pick-up truck with plow for the Highway Department.

ARTICLE 9. VOTED: That the sum of $30,000.00 be raised and appropriated to purchase materials and to construct the play ground at the Old Mill Pond School with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, said funds to be returned to the Town if they are not needed.

ARTICLE 10. VOTED: That the sum of $20,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the Associate Town Counsel Account.

ARTICLE 11. VOTED: As amended. That the sum of $2,500.00 be raised and appropriated to purchase a rotary mower for the Park Department.

ARTICLE 12. VOTED: That the sum of $9,300.00 be raised and appropriated for the purchase of a Police cruiser for the Palmer Police Department.

ARTICLE 13. VOTED: That the sum of $37,156.00 be raised and appropriated to the Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 14. DEFEATED. (Acceptance of Ch.80 Sec 1 through 17 of Massachusetts General Laws to establish a Betterment Act)

ARTICLE 15. VOTED: To allow the officials and employees of the Fire and Water Districts in the Town of Palmer to be covered under the Group Health Insurance Plans available to them through the Town of Palmer.

ARTICLE 16 DEFEATED: As amended - VOTED: To accept Chapter 44, Section 53 1/2 F of the Massachusetts General Laws with respect to the Palmer Water Pollution Control Facilities, to establish an Enterprise Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 1999 and ending June 30, 2000.

ARTICLE 17. VOTED: To petition the legislature to file the following special legislation:

As Act authorizing the licensing authority of the Town of Palmer to issue an additional license for the sale of only wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises located at 1320 Park Street, Palmer, Massachusetts.

Section 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section seventeen of chapter one hundred and thirty-eight of the Massachusetts General Laws, the licensing authority in the Town of Palmer is hereby authorized to issue a license for the sale of only wines and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises under the provisions of section twelve of said chapter one hundred and thirty-eight to Ronald Domey. Said license shall be subject to all the provisions of said chapter one hundred and thirty-eight, except said section seventeen; provided, however, that the licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of said license to any other persons, organization, corporation or location for not less than one year; and provided further, that the issuance of this license shall reduce by one any increase in provisions of said section seventeen.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

ARTICLE 18. VOTED. Unanimous. To approve a zone change for property located at 3 Converse Street, also known as Assessors Map 58, Parcel 29, Thorndike Street School, and being a portion of the parcel as listed in Book 234, Page 569, recorded in the Hampden county Registry of Deeds from R-30 Village High Density Residential to GB General Business.

ARTICLE 19. VOTED: As amended. To transfer to Andrew W. Duda, Jr. and Helen M. Duda of 16 Grove Street, Palmer MA in consideration of One and 00/100 ($1.00) Dollar with Warranty Covenants, a certain parcel of land containing one hundred seventy five feet more or less, situated in the Town of Palmer, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northeasterly line of Grove Street at the southwesterly corner of land of Budaj and the northwesterly corner of land of the grantee as shown on said plan, thence running;

S 31 00' 00" E one hundred two and 67/100 feet (102.67') along the

	northeasterly line of Grove Street and land of the Grantee to a point, thence turning and running;
N 51° 03' 51" W	twenty two and 27/100 feet (22.27') along land of the Town of Palmer layout of Grove Street to a point, thence turning and running,
N 25° 39' 44" W	eighty two and 11/100 feet (82.11') along last named land to the point of beginning.

ARTICLE 20. VOTED: That the sum of $76,548.00 be raised and appropriated to increase the Palmer Public School FY99 budget from $10,864,607 to $10,941,155 to reflect changes in net school spending and increased special education transportation contracts.

The meeting was adjourned and the warrant dissolved and so declared by the Moderator at 8:20 PM.

A true copy attest:

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Patricia C. Donovan, Town Clerk

REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

The following dog licenses were issued during the year 1998

Males/Females	228
Neutered/Spayed	798
Kennels	13

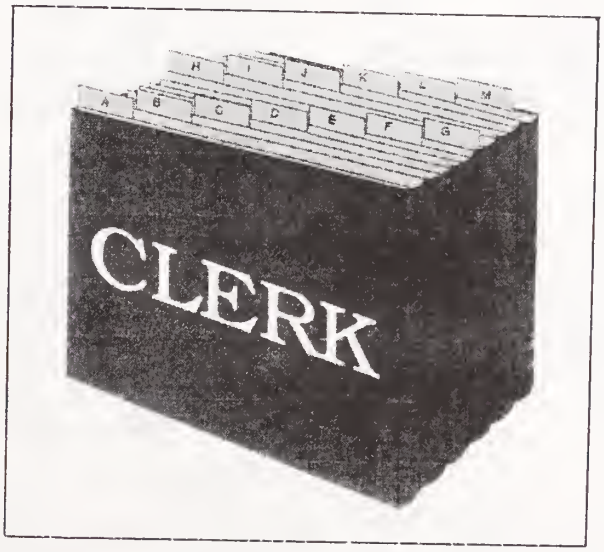
PAID TO TREASURER $8,630.00

The following Vital Statistics were received for recording for the year ending December 31, 1998.

BIRTHS	142
DEATHS	181
MARRIAGES	99

List of Death & Marriages on following page.

Patricia C. Donovan
Town Clerk



MARRIAGES
1998

JANUARY				
10	Gerald P. Lis	Palmer	Suzanne Cole	Palmer
16	Robert R. Duprey	Palmer	Carol M. Yvitz	Palmer
FEBRUARY				
14	David T. Leighton	Brimfield	Lori A. O'Connor	Brimfield
14	Ronald H. Vadnais	Palmer	Coralie Lugo	Palmer
15	Nathaniel W. Schofield	Palmer	Bobbie-Jo Baumgardner	Palmer
28	Frederick J. Snyder, Jr.	Monson	Carol J. Cheevers	Monson
MARCH				
21	Mark E. Roy	Palmer	Amy M. Vachon	Palmer
APRIL				
11	Matthew J. Lis	Palmer	Stephanie A. Lambert	Palmer
17	Nelson R. Fisk Sr.	Palmer	Patricia D. Cabral	Palmer
18	James R. Reilly	Palmer	Laurie A. King	Palmer
18	Glenn A. Williams	Palmer	Suzanne M. Bertoncelli	Palmer
19	Donald J. Aubin	Palmer	Ann M. Fountain	Palmer
26	Stephen L. St.Palley, Jr.	Palmer	Barbara J. Vermette	Palmer
MAY				
2	John R. Butler, Jr.	Palmer	Lynne R. Lang	Palmer
9	David M. Miller	Palmer	Lorie A. Paydos	Palmer
16	James L. Langlois	Palmer	Molly A. Brown	Palmer
16	Jonathan P. St.Amand	Palmer	Laura L. Baldyba	Palmer
16	Michael A. Simpkiss	Palmer	Kimberly A. Vreeland	Palmer
23	Christopher W. Breyare	Palmer	Robbin L. Haley	Palmer
23	Michael P. Daunis	Belchertown	Lois M. Campbell	Palmer
23	James F. Dean	Palmer	Laurel A. LaRoche	Palmer
23	Robert D. Lewis	Palmer	Terri A. Bigda	Palmer
23	Raymond L. Tenczar	Palmer	Paige M. Clark	Palmer
30	John R. Flynn	Palmer	Coreena J. Dyer	Palmer
30	David M. Hood	Palmer	Denise L. Brackoneski	Palmer
30	Kane J. McCord	Palmer	Angela M. Santos	Palmer
30	Sean J. Santos	Palmer	Trina L. Chalue	Palmer
30	Cole A. Scott	Palmer	Susan R. Fish	Palmer
JUNE				
6	Harold L. Bushey, Jr.	Elk Grove, Ca.	Jessica D. Blais	Elk Grove, Ca.

6	Augustus W. Nivers, Jr.	Brimfield	Judith A. Bednarski	Brimfield
6	Richard E. Provost	Palmer	Kristin S. Gerliep	Palmer
12	Ronald R. Poirier	Palmer	Anne Marie Carestia	Palmer
12	Matthew P. Przybycien	Palmer	Kimberly A. Lopata	Palmer
13	Frank J. Baldyga, Jr.	Palmer	Victoria L. Wardrop	Palmer
13	Keith A. Deyo	Jupiter, Fl.	Karen L. McDaid	Jupiter, Fl.
14	Brian J. Rollet	Monson	Sarah J. Hachigian	Monson
19	Craig A. DeMaio	Palmer	Jody E. Atkins	Palmer
20	Jeffrey J. Brady	Palmer	Heather M. Paul	Ludlow
20	Brian A. Christiansen	E. Longmeadow	Dolores L. Nunez	E. Longmeadow
20	James A. Davis	Sterling	Karen T. Erickson	Agawam
23	Martin W. Zielenski	Palmer	Christina M. Patrick	Palmer
26	Walter J. Reynolds	Palmer	Cynthia A. Kroll	Palmer
27	Robert S. Allard	Monson	Deborah A. Lopata	Monson
27	Jason E. Beckwith	Monson	Loraine R. Leavitt	Monson

JULY

4	Darren E. Dais	Palmer	Susan Hayes	Palmer
4	Raymond J. LaRoche	Palmer	Joan D. Shannon	Palmer
11	Michael P. LeBlanc	Palmer	Janine M. Main	Palmer
11	Jody J. Santos	Palmer	Tracey L. Berthiaume	Palmer
11	Danny R. Syriac, Sr.	Monson	Crystal J. Burnham	Monson
18	Michael R. DeLaBruere	Palmer	Cynthia L. Mannix	Palmer
17	Randolph J. Jasak	Palmer	Lynne A. Laviolette	Palmer
18	David J. Misiaszek	Palmer	Anita M. Thomas	Palmer
18	Brian A. Sampson	Palmer	Lynn M. Cantwell	Palmer

AUGUST

1	Michael J. Wrede	Palmer	Stacey Leigh Kurpaska	Palmer
2	Adam J. Kanciper	New York, NY	Rebecca F. Leland	New York, NY
7	David E. Bachand Jr.	Palmer	Christine A. Hill	Palmer
8	Kelly M. Andrews	Palmer	Maya A. Spelko	Monson
8	John F. Bachand Jr.	Palmer	Kari S. Opalenik	Palmer
8	Jason M. Bergeron	Palmer	Melissa A. Petraske	Palmer
8	Gerald P. Konkel	Bowie, MD	Susan M. Lemanski	Bowie, MD
14	Scott A. Faulkner	Roswell, GA	Cynthia L. West	Roswell, GA
14	Derek J. Kusek	Monson	Donna J. Morin	Monson
14	Richard E. Robinson	Springfield	Ida C. Walsh	Springfield
15	Justin B. Powers	Brimfield	Jodine J. Earls	Brimfield
15	Christian P. Stone	Monson	Amy J. Diaz	Monson
22	Daniel P. Raymond	Holland	Kathleen D. Campbell	Holland

22	Joseph N. Small	Springfield	Tammie A. Officer	Palmer
23	Albert S. Kurtigian	Brimfield	Diana M. Wemyss	Brimfield
29	Robert J. St.John Jr.	Palmer	Mona L. Gore	Palmer

SEPTEMBER

4	Russell A. Orcutt Jr.	Palmer	Jodi L. Ladue	Palmer
12	Sean E. Killian	Palmer	Jennifer R. Robert	Palmer
18	Daniel P. Boynton	Palmer	Deanna G. Jamieson	Palmer
18	Daniel W. Tremblay	Palmer	Linda A. Sweetman	Palmer
19	Scott R. Everett	Monson	Evelyn M. Lane	Monson
19	James J. Leahy Jr.	Palmer	Christine B. Leroux	Palmer
19	Matthew D. Mastalerz	Palmer	Kimberly J. Delnegro	Palmer
19	Michael T. Szwed	Palmer	Patricia A. Oney	Monson
19	Joel H.K. Wun	Palmer	Paula J. McGarr	Acton
25	Gilbert D. Rosa	Palmer	Diane M. Wood	Palmer
26	Thomas P. O'Connor Jr.	Palmer	Pamela L. Marble	Belchertown

OCTOBER

3	Jason T. Custance	Monson	Sue L. Foskit	Palmer
3	Randall Lee Vaill Jr.	Palmer	Amber Lynn Leduc	Palmer
4	Joseph W. Russell	Palmer	Mary E. Valentine	Westfield
10	Todd R. Matera	Palmer	Cynthia A. Rondeau	Palmer
17	Michael A. Kimbell	Montgomery, AL	Dawn R. Kielbania	Palmer
25	Benjamin T. Rathburn	Palmer	Sarah E. Petruzzi	Palmer
24	Kevin E. Clement	Palmer	Barbara L. Corbisier	Palmer
29	Timofey A. Matsuk	Palmer	Vera F. Saikina	Palmer

NOVEMBER

6	Alan P. Fauteux	Palmer	Susan S. Arsenault	Palmer
7	Daniel R. Boucher	Palmer	Valerie J. Gavigan	Palmer
7	John F. Mastalerz	Palmer	Kristy-Lee Thibeault	Palmer
14	Christopher G. Banas	Palmer	Eileen D. Thompson	Palmer
14	Michael J. Nathanson	Palmer	Kristie L. Godin	Palmer
14	Paul F. Wnek	Chicopee	Kirsten L. Santos	Chicopee
16	Aleksey Matsuk	Palmer	Svetlana Chertovskaya	Palmer

DECEMBER

1	Paul V. Tongren, Jr.	Palmer	Sandra J. Gauthier	Palmer
5	Thomas S. Smith	Palmer	Marie A. Skorupski	Palmer
12	Garrett J. Cavanaugh	Palmer	Kathryn L. Robbins	Palmer
24	Michael J. Randall	Palmer	Sharon L. Holmes	Palmer

DEATHS - 1998

JANUARY

4	Edna Dorothy Burns	84
6	Rita Rose Gosselin	81
8	Richard C. Sheehan	64
10	Caroline Motyka	77
11	EdwardLouis Germain	79
11	Keith Leonard LaBombard	38
13	Armand George Bouthillier	78
16	Claire Mary Ramadon	66
18	Tekla Teresa Butcher	80
21	Beverly Barbara Copper	68
22	Florence Chevrette	90
22	Josephine Alice Combs	89
.22	Olive Gaudet	76
23	Aleksandr Ukrainets	40
26	James Michael Eagan	88
28	Arthur Ernest Nareau	73
28	Sandra Gwen Towery	67
29	Horace Hilman Randlett	83
29	Nathan Curtis Tingen	36
30	Barbara Alice Kerigan	70

FEBRUARY

1	Germaine Gloria Auger	75
3	Adeline Anna Gloster	104
5	Sylvia Crane	78
7	Henry J. LeClair	81
7	Alwyn James Mayo, Jr.	47
8	Joseph Patrick Nohorniak	45
13	Ann Marie Pike	49
13	William Edward McGrath	73
14	Jeffrey David Mortimer	34
14	Roger John Mortimer	45
14	Mae Ann Vostok	90
15	Reginald Harry Bingham	82
16	Mary Galas	102
18	Grace Evelyn Witek	70
23	Isabelle Catherine Moran	74
23	John Howard Morrison	66
26	John Wincenty Matera	93
27	Dorothy Gruszczynski	75

MARCH

2	Frank Richard Lewicki Jr.	48
3	Bertha Marie Gouvin	81
5	Andre Anthony Corbin	89
7	Helen Czajka	85
7	Emma Martin	93
10	Elizabeth Gertrude O'Donal	87
10	Julia Paoletti	97
13	Joseph Passy	66
14	Alma M. Monat	92
14	Jeanne Claire Tassinari	79
16	Ida Rita Quaglini	87
16	Harry W. Stein, Jr.	79
17	Margaret Bellany	99
17	Eugene Jamrog	67
23	Theodore Paul Skomro	71
26	Lorraine Anne Lanzetta	82
27	Stanley John Jamrog	81
30	Edward Szostek	74

APRIL

3	Stephanie Koss	86
3	Stanley Jokoncuk	80
3	Margaret Theresa Muller	86
3	Frank James Savickas	85
4	Roland R. Boissy	80
10	Willard Harvie Clough	80
11	Julia K. Swist	89
12	James Imke Nadle	2 da. 21 hrs.
15	Ellen E. Boissy	83
17	Sally Ann Haynes	57
23	Lorette Marthe Laroche	85
27	Alberta M. Barry	75
27	Elizabeth Ortman	79
28	Norma Loretta Ashe	93

MAY

2	Maria Do Rosario Lopes Serra	87
3	Elva M. Scanlon	80
10	Anthony W. Giordano Jr.	68
12	Frances Barone	99
15	Wallace Robert Matukaitis	57
16	Louis Stanley Jacek	69
19	Mary Sousa	90
21	Milton Anthony Grzywna	41

24	Robert James Garfield, Sr.	77
25	Anthony J. Koziol	85
26	Grace E. Peterson	103
28	Anthony Vincent Roman	83
29	Patricia Ann Austin	65
31	John Lisiewicz	84

JUNE

9	Margery Jean Aliengena	58
9	Joseph Thomas Workum	76
10	Agnes Victoria George	82
11	Jennie Miskiewicz	87
14	Michelle Theresa Clark	38
16	James Michael Healy	77
19	Franklin Allerton Gale	90
24	Edward Graveline	86
24	Barbara Jean Mendrala	40
25	Stanley Steven Sekula	68
28	Steven Wright Mason	36
29	Lillian E. VanWettering	80
30	Stanley Robert Peritz, Jr.	77

JULY

10	June Chartier	48
10	Margaret Mary Messier	88
13	John Stanley Sydla	86
17	Lucienne Eva Dupuis	82
18	Walter Albert Kulig	83
21	Pasquali Henry Morrell	83
23	Justin Anselm Rouvellat	91
28	Charles Rudolf Frydryk	75
28	Joeph Paul Smola	87
31	Nancy Jean Shea	51

AUGUST

1	Rose E. Terkanian	85
3	Alvin Morse, Sr.	66
9	Myrna Marie Lapointe	67
9	Floyd Daniel Romanik, Sr.	74
9	Theodore A. Wyrzykowski	61
10	Leo Joseph Santucci	81
11	Anthony Primo Melloni	90
15	Mary Alphonsine Boileau	87
16	Donald Robert Beausoleil	68
17	Edmund Ridz	79

18	Walter A. Pietryka	82
20	William Samuel Barnes	79
AUGUST		
11	Clement Briggs Drake, Jr.	73
20	Bertha Holcomb	89
22	John Richard Titel	70
22	David Bernard Vautrain	77
24	Henry Joseph Kokoszka	71
26	Stephanie Veronica Golas	90
31	Harold J. Odiorne	85
SEPTEMBER		
6	William Joseph Nelligan, Jr.	51
11	Edward Blecha Jr.	75
12	Mary Auciello	74
18	Richard Louaine Squires, Sr.	54
18	Javier David Velez	28
20	Glen Marvin Burbank	86
21	Margaret Elizabeth Ziegler	86
23	Ernest P. Bernard	80
23	Harold Bates Robinson, Jr.	79
23	Melvin James Stewart	67
28	Stanley John Swiatlowski	80
OCTOBER		
5	Russell William Gebhardt	90
5	Ellen Margaret Moore	73
5	Rita Evelyn Roman	75
5	Earl Charles Schofield	71
9	Eugene William Loiselle	57
14	Stefan John Rosinski	81
14	Esther Florence Ward	91
15	Margaret Eleanor Wozniakowski	94
24	Anne May Chess	79
26	Chester Joseph Jambora	73
29	Frank Lewicki	75
31	Eleanor Ridz	78
NOVEMBER		
3	David Kostolecki	43
4	Zandra Nicole Holley	10
4	William W. Muller	94
4	Walter Frank Rudnick	85
5	Grace Esther Adams	90
7	Evelyn Mae Lundquist	86

7	Catherine A. Romanik	78
10	Janet Ellen Nelligan	77
15	Walter Stanley Kukevich	85
18	Susan Lynn Davis	46
19	Mary Elizabeth DeFoe	90
19	Philip Emil Grady	85
21	Sophie Mary Broske	98
21	Arthur Peter Theodore	72
23	Thomas McKee	68
24	Irene Rose Worby	74
25	Beatrice Celina Kamyck	77
27	Evelyn Marie Ryan	75
29	Doris Louise Hale	75

DECEMBER

3	Shirley Ann Lamb	74
6	Paul Victor Tongren, Jr.	54
8	Robert N. Lefebvre	66
10	Stanley Alphonse Baldyga	81
11	Mary Katseoris	96
12	Lisa Elizabeth Andrejack	29
19	Sophie Catherine Wadas	88
20	Alice Eva Meurisse	85
26	Edwina Dorothy Carlson	88
27	Edward Joseph Chalue	91
27	Harry Forrest Cox	79
29	Mary Elizabeth Cleveland	76

REPORT OF THE TOWN COLLECTOR

I hereby submit my report for the fiscal year beginning July 1,1997 and ending June 30, 1998

Account of 1990

Outstanding July 1997	$4,643.63	
Paid Treasurer	00	
Outstanding June 30, 1998		$4,643.63

Account of 1991

Outstanding July 1, 1997	$7,165.09	
Paid Treasurer	00	
Outstanding June 30, 1998		$7,165.09

Account of 1992

Outstanding July 1, 1997	$48,140.08	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax abated after payment	$13.54	
Interest	$3,391.53	$51,545.15
Paid Treasurer	$7,678.22	
Abatements	$8,748.71	$16,426.93
Outstanding June 30, 1998		$35,118.22

Account of 1993

Outstanding July 1, 1997	$99,131.18	
Interest	$11,826.45	$110,957.63
Paid Treasurer	$30,367.17	
Abatements	00	$30,367.17

Outstanding June 30, 1998		$80,590.46

Account of 1994

Outstanding July 1, 1997	$162,910.55	
Interest	$14,335.55	$177,246.10
Paid Treasurer	$43,555.31	
Outstanding June 30, 1998		$133,690.79

Account of 1995

Outstanding July 1, 1997	$217,391.66	
Additional Assessor's Warrant's to be collected	$21.88	
Interest	$21,077.35	$238,490.89
Paid Treasurer	$77,877.69	
Outstanding June 30, 1998		$160,613.20

Account of 1996

Outstanding July 1, 1997	$324,183.25	
Additional Assessor,s Warrants to be collected	$10,388.01	
Motor Vehicle excise taxes abated after payment	$150.73	
Real Estate taxes abated after payment	$668.55	
Interest	$22,291.50	$357,682.04
Paid Treasurer	$135,065.96	
Abatements	589.49	$135,655.45
Outstanding June 30, 1998		$222,026.59

Account of 1997

Outstanding July 1, 1997	$547,761.81	
Additional Assessor's Warrants		

to be collected	$181,072.36	
Motor Vehicle excise tax abated after payment	$8,276.09	
Real Estate taxes abated after payment	$22,972.97	
Interest	$24,854.68	$784,937.91
Paid Treasurer	$470,974.04	
Abatements	$21,723.01	$492,697.05
Outstanding June 30, 1998		$292,240.86

Account 1998

Assessor's Warrants to be collected	$9,660,363.50	
Selectmen's Warrants to be collected	$1,361.97	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax abated after payment	$3,782.40	
Personal Property Tax abated after payment	$301.60	
Real Estate Tax abated after payment	$23,483.26	
Interest	$10,835.56	$9,700,128.29
Paid Treasurer	$8,965,535.16	
Abatements	$144,784.78	$9,110,319.94
Outstanding June 30, 1998		$589,808.35

Mobile Home park fees Received from July 1, 1997 - June 30, 1998	$9,900.00
Paid Treasurer	$9,900.00

Demands Received from July 1, 1997 - June 30, 1998	$17,460.21
Paid Treasurer	$17,460.21

Motor Vehicle Mark Fees Received from July 1 1997 - June 30,1998		$10,180.00
Paid Treasurer		$10,180.00

Sewer User Charge

Account of 1990

Outstanding July 1, 1997	$114.00	
Outstanding June 30, 1998		$114.00

Account of 1991

Outstanding July1, 1997	$540.00	
Paid Treasurer	$108.00	
Outstanding June 30, l998		$432.00

Account of 1992

Outstanding July1, 1997	$3,362.00	
Paid Treasurer	$694.00	
Outstanding June 30, 1998		$2,668.00

Account of 1993

Outstanding July1,1997	$4,374.00	
Paid Treasurer	$1,062.00	
Outstanding June 30, 1998		$3,312.00

Account of 1994

Outstanding July1, 1997	$45,360.78	$45,360.78
Paid Treasurer	$826.00	
Abatements	$118.00	$944.00

Outstanding June 30, 1998		$44,416.78

Account of 1995

Outstanding July 1, 1997	$85,429.40	
Additional Warrants to be collected	$50,204.50	$135,633.90
Paid Treasurer	$55,518.36	
Abatements	$129.00	$55,647.36
Outstanding June 30, 1998		$79,986.54

Account of 1996

Outstanding July 1, 1997	$159,996.88	
Additional Warrants to be collected	$134,237.01	$294,233.89
Paid Treasurer	$138,905.64	$138,905.64
Outstanding June 30, 1998		$155,328.25

Account of 1997

Outstanding July 1, 1997	$368,691.57	
Additional warrants to be collected	$168,543.29	
Sewer Use Charges abated after payment	$402.00	
Committed Interest	$3,535.22	
Interest	$1,294.62	$542,466.70
Paid Treasurer	$415,504.88	
Abatements	$1,040.00	$416,544.88
Outstanding June 30, 1998		$125,921.82

Account of 1998

Warrants to be collected	$1,068,261.98	
Sewer Use Charge abated after payment	$5,009.46	

Interest	$398.50	$1,073,669.94
Paid Treasurer	$899,023.16	
Abatements	$29,753.71	$928,776.87
Outstanding June 30, 1998		$144,893.07

Respectfully Submitted,

John R. Mastalerz
Town Collector (Acting)



REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

I hereby submit my report for the fiscal year beginning July 1,1997 and ending June 30, 1998

Cash Balance July 1, 1997	$3,646,592.26
Receipts	$33,193,276.25
Payments Per Warrants	($30,704,008.67)
Payments in Advance of Warrants	($404.33)
Cash Balance June 30, 1998	$6,135,455.51
Cash on Hand	$381,839.96
Non-Interest Bearing Checking Accounts:	
State Street Bank & Trust Co.	$2,734.84
Interest Bearing Checking Accounts	
Fleet Bank (payroll account)	$1,028.90
Fleet Bank (operating account)	$798.55
Fleet Bank (School Lunch)	($12.08)
Fleet Bank (payroll account)	$74.40
Country Bank For Savings(C.D.L.)	$138,489.53
Country Bank For Savings(ALC)	$10,394.88
Country Bank For Savings(SC LUNCH)	$3,735.43
Boston Safe (vendor)	($624,065.42)
Bank Boston Premium	$1,130,105.85
Liquid Investments	
Fleet Bank	$1,231,811.73
State Street Bank & Trust	$1,147,801.26
Baybank	$208,283.33
Boston Safe	$15,842.01
M.M.D.T	$2,093,513.66
First Trade Union	$10,984.52
Citizens	$795.85
Trust Funds:	
Bank Boston	$10,833.63
Century Bank	$27,419.04
Century Financial T-Bonds	$212,843.46
M.M.D.T.	$17,435.88
Century Financial	$12,766.30
Certificates of Deposit	
Bank of Western Mass.	$100,000.00
	$6,135,455.51

The total amount of interest income earned during the fiscal year year on Bank Accounts and Investments was: $154,493.95

Respectfully Submitted,

John R. Mastalerz
Town Treasurer (Acting)



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

LOCAL EXPENDITURES

Appropriations	22,427,855.58
Offsets	38,651.00
Deferral of Teacher's Pay	534,826.00
Lower Pioneer Valley Reg Plan Commission	1808.10
Criminal Justice Training Assessment	3,600.00
School Choice Program	14,313.00
Snow & Ice Deficits	98,389.92
State & County Charges	66,776.00
Overlay	164,426.65
TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	**23,350,646.25**

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND OTHER REVENUE SOURCES

Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts	$10,444,934.00
Local Estimated Receipts	2,615,991.00
Other Available Funds	792,006.58
Teacher's Pay Deferral	496,624.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED RECEIPTS	**14,349,555.58**
NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED	**9,001,090.67**

NET AMOUNT TO BE RAISED / TOTAL VALUATION	=	TAX RATE FY98
$9,001,090.67 / 522,105,027	=	$17.24

CLASSIFIED PERCENTAGES

	LEVY PERCENTAGE	LEVY BY CLASS
RESIDENTIAL	77.7580	6,999,068.65
OPEN SPACE	0	0
COMMERCIAL	9.4293	848,741.15
INDUSTRIAL	7.2419	651,846.99
PERSONAL PROPERTY	5.5708	501,433.88

VALUATION BY CLASS

RESIDENTIAL	405,978,460
OPEN SPACE	0
COMMERCIAL	49,230,925
INDUSTRIAL	37,810,150
PERSONAL PROPERTY	29,085,492
TOTAL VALUATION	**522,105,027**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Alvin C. Rondeau, Chairman
Jay J. Mastalerz
Lawrence M. Jasak

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PALMER HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The Palmer Highway Department herewith submits its Annual Town Report for the year ending December 31, 1998.

The following is a summary of the Highway Department's activities.
The following roads were paved in Town under Chapter 90 State Aid approval:

Foundry St. Palmer
Hobb St. Thorndike
Harding St. Thorndike
Hill St. Thorndike
Main St. Three Rivers (partial)
Springfield St. Three Rivers (partial)
Calkins Rd. Palmer
Flynt St. Palmer (partial)
Church St. Thorndike (partial)

In November, we received State approval for the reconstruction of Springfield Street Three Rivers from the Wilbraham town line easterly to Bridge Street Three Rivers. Included in the reconstruction project will be the design of the signalization of the Springfield St./Bridge St. intersection.

A new list of roads to be paved will be submitted to the State, District 2 for approval.

Through Town Meeting approval, our fleet was modernized with the following piece of equipment:

(1) 1998 Chevy Pick up

Through Chapter 90 approval the Highway Department purchased a new 1998 John Deere 544 H front end Loader.

Sidewalks were repaired on Main St. Bondsville, Main St. Thorndike, Squire St. Palmer, Pine St. Palmer and Knox St. Palmer.

In August, through a joint effort with the Palmer Police Department, 34.60 miles of double centerlines were repainted on various town streets.

We responded and answered to over 1100 calls from residents.

In closing I would like to thank all the other departments and employees as well as others who have helped us during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Phillip Sampson
Palmer Highway Superintendent





ANNUAL REPORT OF FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

The Forestry Department took care of many calls regarding dead trees, dead wood, clearing branches, limbs off roofs of houses and removing trees that would endanger the public's safety.

Approximately 20 stumps were removed due to hazardous conditions.

In the interest of public safety, we continue to cut roadside vegetation. In June a Contractor was hired solely for the purpose of brush cutting. By hiring a Contractor, his machine can cut between one and two miles of road a day.

At this time, we wish to thank Massachusetts Electric Company and Northern Tree for their help and cooperation in the removal of trees and branches in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Phillip Sampson
Highway Superintendent



TREE WARDEN

The Department had seven trees removed due to hazardous conditions.

There were nineteen (19) calls from residents to inspect trees. There were a total of thirty-one (31) visits to Town residents' homes for the purpose of inspection of trees.

James D. Chadwick
Tree Warden



FOREST FIRE WARDEN – ANNUAL REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,

I herewith submit my report as Forest Fire Warden of the Town of Palmer for the year 1998.

The Town of Palmer Forest Fire Department responded to a total of 58 incidents during the year.

13 Forest and brush fires in Palmer Fire District No.1

1 Three Rivers Fire District No.2

0 Bondsville Fire District No.3

2 Thorndike Fire District No.4

4 Mutual Aid

9 Controlled burning with permit to burn brush

29 Unauthorized burning of brush and related materials

At this time I would like thank our Firefighters for their response, neighboring fire departments, the Board of Selectmen, Palmer Police Department, and the Central Emergency Dispatch for their assistance and cooperation provided during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan J. Roy
Forest Fire Warden



PALMER WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT ANNUAL REPORT

The closing of the Sanitary Landfill, necessitated the Town to contract out for sludge disposal and seek out new means for sludge processing. To achieve this, the Dewatering Systems Upgrade Project was implemented and completed during 1998. The major piece of this new system is the Belt Filter Press.

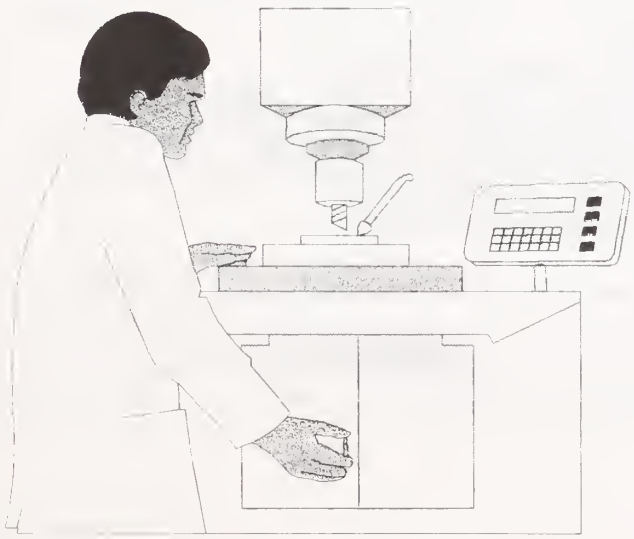
The Belt Filter Press is used to process sludge (presses water out) at the treatment plant prior to being hauled out by an independent contractor for final disposal. Presently sludge disposal fees are based on a wet ton, so the dryer the sludge the cheaper the disposal cost. With the old dewatering equipment operating in Fiscal Year 1997, $376,000.00 was budgeted for sludge disposal. For the new dewatering system presently in operation, $200,000.00 was budgeted for Fiscal Year 2000 reflecting savings of $176,000.00 annually.

New roofs were installed on the Headwork's and Process Buildings at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The roofing contractor is scheduled to return to install proper caulking at the joint were the coping and roof meet. This should finalize this project. Funding was also appropriated at the Annual Town meeting to install new roofs on the four remaining buildings at the Main Plant and nine Pumping Stations.

The Grit Bucket Elevator System, installed last year at the main plant, basically ran trouble free throughout 1998. This system helps eliminate excessive wear and tear on downstream equipment.

Throughout the year numerous meetings on Combined Sewer Overflows were held between the Town, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MADEP), Tighe & Bond Consulting Engineers and the public to discuss alternative solutions. On December 30,1998 the Draft Long –Term CSO Control Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Report was submitted to the EPA and MADEP for their review and comment. This year should bring about an agreeable solution between the Town, EPA and MADEP on implementation of this project.

With the recent upgrades in place and scheduled maintenance for the future, the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Pumping Stations are in good shape. I would like to thank the entire Wastewater Treatment Plant staff for their efforts and a job well done.



Respectfully submitted,
Gary J. Kuczarski
Superintendent

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PALMER PARK DEPARTMENT

The Park Department maintains a total of twenty one locations throughout the town. These areas consist of Parks, Playgrounds, Memorial Commons, Sport fields and Public School grounds totaling over 250 acres.

The Department performs a wide variety of services from turf management, field construction, landscape planting, snow removal and general construction. The Department operates year round with a full time staff of six headed by a Superintendent.

Since 1991 when we were asked to maintain the new schools and Converse Middle School, the areas we maintain have almost doubled while the number of employees has increased by one since 1974. Although two new employees were budgeted in 1991 for the schools, they were quickly cut when the budget crunch came that year and were never called back but our areas and demands continue to grow.

We have continued to be very aggressive and active in our own construction projects over the last several years with such areas as Chase Memorial Park which opened in October of 1998, construction of a Garage at Legion Field, extending the sprinkler system at Legion Field and being involved with the reconstruction of the sidewalk at Old Mill Pond School. The demand for sport fields continues to increase and we are continually in the process of trying to upgrade and improve our facilities as time and money allow.

This past year the Palmer Midget League which has been raising money over the last several years, had a concession stand erected at the lower field at Burleigh Park which was used extensively this past summer and made a nice addition to the area. Also Coca Cola Corporation donated a new scoreboard to Legion Field which replaced the one given by the Lions Club over 30 years ago. This board was placed into service for the two final games of the 1998 football season.

This past year voters approved the purchase of a truck with plow to replace the Department's 1983 truck. This truck was put into service in the Fall of 1998 and will be a great help in our snow removal operation this Winter.

Several more projects and improvements has been included in the upcoming budget along with a five year plan which was submitted for review this year and hopefully funds will be available over the next several years to continue our upgrading and improvements to our Parks, Playgrounds and fields over the next few years.

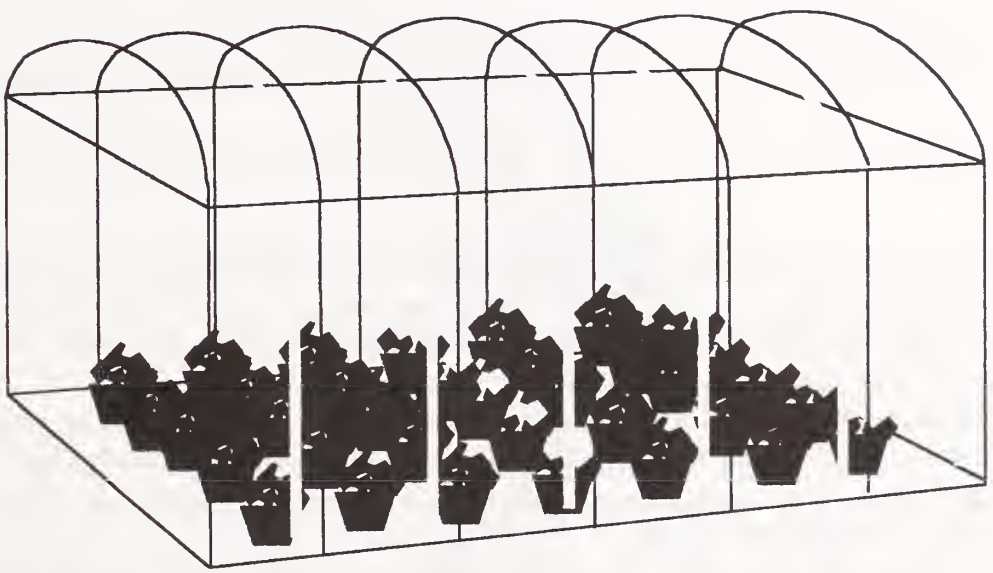
In closing on behalf of the Park Department, I would like to say thank you to all the other Town Departments, Personnel and all others for their assistance and helpfulness over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Kaczmarczyk
Superintendent of Parks

for the Board of Park Commissioners

Michael J. Burns, Chairman
William T. Cole, Vice-Chairman
Dean A. McKee
William Gallagher
Albin Les



REPORT OF THE PALMER RECREATION COMMITTEE
BURLEIGH PARK PROGRAM

This year Burleigh Park had an enrollment of 150+ with approximately 55 left on a waiting list. With the overall good weather during the five weeks of camp, the average daily attendance was 127. Camp was a success with excellent help from the counselors, parents, the Park Dept., the Assistant Directors and from the many others involved with the program. The addition of a nurse this year was wonderful and well needed. With this many children in an outdoor area, today's liability issues, and requirements from the state, it will be in the best interest of the camp and the town to have a nurse full-time at camp in all future years.

Our success at Burleigh Park can be attributed to the continued need and interest from parents and campers in the program, excellent support from the Park Dept. and other town departments with all aspects of the program, and the ability to provide a successful program on limited funds.

We continue to experience vandalism at the camp especially in the pool area. Broken bottles thrown in the pool at night resulted in the pool often having to be closed to the campers. In the end, the pool was drained three days before camp closed as there was so much glass in the pool that it could not be vacuumed out. The responsibility placed on the director will be even further heightened, and at this time, the town may want to consider having a year-round recreational director to handle Burleigh Park. The bus routes need to be looked at and simplified to avoid an overwhelming amount of stops. Service is not door to door, and parents need to know exactly where they are responsible for dropping off and picking
up their children. Also to be considered is a new plan on how to handle early dismissals due to storms.

By opening time at registration, over 100 people were already in line. A waiting list needed to be started just 15 minutes later. Parents are searching for safe, reasonably priced places to send their children in the summer and, for now, Burleigh Park is their only choice. Some possibilities to consider for next year are:

- Provide alternative programs for the older or younger children. These programs would need to be separate from Burleigh Park and would need a separate budget.
- Consider a lottery for registration. This would take considerable time to plan, and again some people would be left out.
- Consider making two sessions for camp--either two 2 1/2 week sessions or two 3 week sessions. Parents could select one of the sessions, and then if one of the sessions still had openings, parents could then sign up for the second session as well.

Registration/Attendance:
156 campers registered -- $6050.00 total receipts submitted
Average Attendance: 127 campers

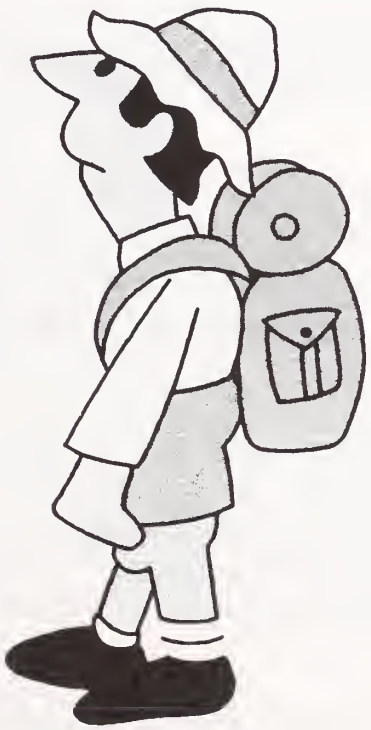
Some of the programs campers enjoyed were Safety Theme Week, Water Fun Day, Interskate 91 Field Trip, Sixties Day, Pizza Party and Bingo Extravaganza. Some of the guests at the camp were the Palmer Journal & Union News journalists, Officers Lynch and White from the Police Dept. and representatives from the Palmer Ambulance Service and the Palmer Fire Dept.

Special thanks to Mr. Bernat and Mr. Alger at Pathfinder Regional for supplying us with a freezer and ice cream for the summer.

Respectfully submitted,
Ivy Peritz-Smith
Director, Burleigh Park Program

Recreation Committee:

Marion Kozlik	Rebecca Lukaskiewicz
Thomas S. Skowyra	Norma Santos
James Lynch	Deborah Kopacz
Penny Brantley	Diane Brennan



CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

We enjoyed a very productive season. The weather was favorable in May, so we had a chance to get our cemetery into good shape for Memorial Day. We also had the help of three young gentlemen from Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical School. They were a great help to us. I'm sorry to say that the State has cut off this program at Pathfinder. From us at the Cemetery Dept., we give them a big "thank you" for a job well done.

The Fence Project has come a long way in the past years. The Thorndike Street Gate, up to and including the Main gate, will be repaired, sand blasted, primed and painted and should be in place by May lst.

We worked with two men most of the year. We could surely use a third man, if we could obtain more money in our part-time account. This would allow for the completion of many of our small jobs, which for lack of help, do not get done.

We must thank our help for doing a very good job. We also want to thank Richard Johnson for the time he spent on our committee. We also want to thank our new member to the Board this year. Thank you, Tony, for your help.

Respectfully submitted

Frederick Olson, Commissioner, (Chairman)
Robert Faulkner, Commissioner
Anthony T. Blazejowski, Jr, Commissioner



PLANNING BOARD REPORT

The Palmer Planning Board, consisting of five elected members, met regularly during 1998. It has always been the Board's policy to meet as often as necessary to conduct business deemed appropriate under General Laws and the Charter of the Town of Palmer.

At the Board's re-organizational meeting held in April the following positions were filled:

Chairman	Michael S. Marciniec
Vice Chairman	Thomas Skowyra
Clerk	James Haley Jr.
Rep. to PVPC	Todd Smola
	Joseph Slowick Jr.

During 1998, the Planning Board held 27 regular meetings as well as numerous special meetings, site inspections and review inspections. In addition to our own meetings, we have also had meetings with other Boards and Committees and have attended seminars and workshops to help better prepare our members for the positions for which they have been elected. During these various meetings, the Board held hearings or acted on 20 Special Permit/Site Plan Approvals, 21 plans meeting zoning requirements and deemed exempt from subdivision regulations, 1 permit for a non-conforming sign, 6 Special Permits for Earth Removal and 2 Special Earth Removal Permits, and 2 zone change requests. The Board also approved 12 new business locations, conducted 15 reviews of existing sites, accepted 8 reports for earth removal operations and held many informational meetings with prospective applicants.

The Board through its Assistant, received over 2800 requests for information during 1998 which were processed by the Assistant to the Planning Board, Planning Board Members or referred to other Boards for action.

Over the past year, the Board has concentrated its energies on concluding our zoning proposal and digitizing of town maps. We held two seminars with various town Boards for the purpose of gaining input toward improving our zoning draft. Also, this year, we have gained the assistance of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission in this endeavor. In November of 1998, Palmer was granted Model Community Status and will receive assistance from the Commission in implementing Valley Vision Standards in our new zoning by-law. The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission and the Board have adopted a time line which will bring this proposal to the Public Hearing stage by May of 1999 and Town Meeting by June of 1999.

Over the past year we have also successfully completed the implementation of our Geographic Information System (GIS). Toward this end, we have digitized all town

assessors maps and installed Arc View Software in the Planning Board office. Early in the fall of this year we are hoping to introduce other town offices and departments to this technology.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael S. Marciniec,
Chairman



REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

The following is a summary of my activities for the year 1998. Permits were approved, specifications reviewed, and construction monitored for:

New Single Family Dwellings	28
Additions to Residential Buildings	8
Renovations to Residential Buildings	64
Renovations to Commercial Buildings	25
Temporary Mobile Home Due to Fire	2
Replace Mobile Home	2
Camp Renovations	2
Barns	2
Carport	1
Chimney	5
Decks	39
Demolition	11
Elevator	1
Garages	5
Gazebos	2
Handicap Ramp	2
Pools Above Ground	29
Pools In Ground	2
Porches	18
Roofing, Siding and Window Permits	132
Sheds	33
Signs	36
Sunroom	1
Wood Burning Stove Permits	15
Housing Inspections	5
Inspections for Specified Use Groups	14

Respectfully Submitted

Richard W. Rollet

Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

As Plumbing Inspector for the Town of Palmer, I hereby submit the following annual report for inspections made by me for the year 1998:

New Plumbing Permits	28
Renovations	46
Water Heaters	41

I have also investigated complains of potentially dangerous plumbing work and violations of Chapter 142 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gerald Nichols
Plumbing Inspector

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REPORT OF THE ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR

As Electrical Inspector for the Town of Palmer, I hereby submit the following Annual Report for inspections made by me for the year 1998:

Residential	196
Commercial	35
Industrial	11
Other	15

Respectfully Submitted,

Stanley J. Pietryka
Electrical Inspector

REPORT OF THE GAS INSPECTOR

As Gas Inspector for the Town of Palmer, I am responsible for the inspection, testing and issuing of permits in accordance with the codes and regulations of the Massachusetts General Laws. In this capacity approximately fifty-five (55) permits were issued.

The second phase of work done includes investigating complains of old and potentially dangerous gas fitting installations, violations of the law, and hazardous defective material.

I would like to thank all the personnel involved with the Building Department for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Stahelski
Gas Inspector, Town of Palmer

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS & MEASURES

I hereby submit the annual report for the Department of Weights and Measures for the year ending December 31, 1998. In 1998, three hundred and thirty seven measuring and weighing devices were tested and sealed. A total of $2,386.00 will be collected for 1998.

In 1998, two hundred and thirty five food packages were re-weighed at various stores. Of the two hundred and thirty five packages, six were found to be underweight, nineteen were overweight and two hundred ten were correct.

No complaints were received this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Serrato
Sealer of Weights and Measures

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Palmer Zoning Board of Appeals received 12 applications for variances to the dimensional requirements to the Town of Palmer Zoning Bylaws for the year 1998.

The Board held public hearings on all petitions received according to the provisions of Chapter 40-A, Section 11, of the Massachusetts General Laws. As a result of the hearings 11 variances were granted and one Administrative Appeal.

Income from the Board amounted to $400.00. These fees are collected to cover the expense of the public hearing.

Respectfully Submitted

Joseph W. Topor, Jr.	Chairman	Mary Salzmann	Member
Antonio Andre	Vice-Chairman	Lyle Hislop	Member
Gary Doane	Clerk	Norman Czech	Alternate
Russell Brown	Member		



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board of Health continues to be a member of Massachusetts Immunization Program (M.I.P.), Vaccines for Children Program (VFC) and receives free vaccines from the State to provide all childhood vaccines to all children and adolescents through 18 years of age. Vaccines provided offer prevention to Hepatitis B, Diptheria, Tetanus, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Haemophilus Influenza.

For the older population we provide protection and prevention to Influenza and Pneumonia via yearly clinics. In 1998, over 800 preventive immunization injections were given.

Total number of clinics provided in 1998 were 14 with exception of Hepatitis B vaccine for adults.

Board of Health was successful this year in obtaining free Hepatitis B vaccine for Town employees considered in hi-risk category which was offered to 20 persons in this status.

Communicable Disease Surveillance and Control Services were also offered plus assistance in Tuberculosis Management Program; 43 reportable diseases were reported and followed in 1998.

In 1998, we have become active with Massachusetts Tobacco Control Program and are in process of working out different rules and regulations in the elimination or reduction of smoking in school. We belong to a consortium of 4 towns including Monson, Ludlow, Wilbraham and Palmer.

A good move was done in 1998 in hiring a Sanitarian to assist with the 1995 State revisions of Title V septic systems. We had 72 septic system permits this year. We were also involved with a Betterment Program and were able to assist a limited number of applicants.

At present time, we are being challenged by the steadily increasing demands and changes by the State Departments and know that the only way to stay on top is to hire additional people to assist with Restaurant Inspections and Public Health Problems. Palmer needs to hire its own Public Health Nurse to develop programs to assist the health needs focusing in the Town. Presently, these needs and problems are serviced by one of the elected officials who is also A Registered Nurse.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rose C. Tyburski, Vice-Chairperson

The following is a summary of licenses and permits that were issued by the Board of Health in the year 1998:

Animal	6
Catering	0
Dumpster	2
Food	78
(Bakery-5)	
(Deli-10)	
(Take out-3)	
(Prepared food-7)	
(Salad Bar-1)	
Ice Cream	2
Frozen Dessert	6
Funeral Director	4
Haulers	14
Installers	26
Massage Therapists	2
Mobile Home Park	1
Mobile Food Servers	4
Motel	2
Recreational Camps	3
Swimming Pools	1
Tanning	3
Temporary Food	4
Temporary Non-Profit Food	3
Total	161

The Board of Health witnessed, collected fees and issued permits for 72 Percolation Tests during the year 1998.

23 Housing Inspections were made by the Board of Health for health and safety of the occupants. Any violations were corrected to meet the standards of the State Sanitary Code.

83 Investigations were made by the Board of Health to comply with Regulations and Laws pertaining to the Public Health.

57 Septic Designs were approved and signed by the Board of Health.

Respectfully Submitted,

Warren R. Thompson,Chairman
Rose C. Tyburski
Thomas M. Dranka

REPORT OF THE MILK INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health and the Citizens of Palmer, MA.

I respectfully submit my report on the following licenses issued for the year 1998:

55 Milk Store Licenses @ $5.00

Total.....$250.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Walter J. Swiatlowski
Milk Inspector



REPORT OF THE ANIMAL INSPECTOR

I attended a class at the University of Massachusetts in which I received a certificate from the Department of Food and Agriculture Bureau of Animal Health. This certificate recognizes my continuing education in the field of animal health and committment towards the safety of the citizens and animals in my municipality.

All inspections ordered by the Division of Livestock Disease Control have been completed and requirements of Section 19, Chapter 129 of the General Laws of Massachusetts have been complied with and reports filed with the Division at 100 Cambridge Street, Boston.

There were 35 visits made to examine and quarantine dogs and cats known to have bitten people and animals. None showed symptoms of rabies and were released after ten days.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick J. Guzik
Animal Inspector

Wanda Guzik
Assistant Animal Inspector

DOG OFFICER REPORT

A special thanks to the Palmer Journal for their excellent work year after year photographing strays so they maybe adopted.

A special thanks to F.A.C.E.S. and Ms.Carol Roy and everyone who has donated food and toys to the Palmer Pound.

NOTICE TOWN RESIDENTS

1999 dog licenses are due April 1-May 31.

License Fees

Male	$ 15.00
Neutered Male	5.00
Female	$ 15.00
Spayed female	5.00
Late fee as of June 1	$ 4.00
Late fee as of July 1	$ 10.00

All stray dogs are held for ten days and then become the property of the Town of Palmer. They are then put up for adoption for a fee of $ 10.00 each.



DOG OFFICER REPORT

January 1998- December 31,1998

413 Complaints were received and followed up on
67 Lost dogs and cats were reported
32 Dogs adopted

Quarantine at Palmer Kennels

1 Dog
1 Cat

Burial

4 Cats
2 Deer
3 Skunks
4 Racoons
2 Grey Foxes

Other animals picked up and adopted out

2 Snakes
1 Farrett
2 Goates
2 Rabbits

Fines issued to dog owners who do not obey the PalmerLease Law:

1st Offense	$ 25.00
2nd Offense	$ 35.00
3rd. Offense	$ 50.00

In 1998 there were : 41 fines issued at $ 25.00
3 fines issued at $ 35.00

Total fines for 1998: $ 1095.00

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick J. Guzik
Dog Officer

Wanda Guzik
Assistant Dog Officer

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission had a busy 1998. We issued:

6	Notices of Intent	13	Determination of Applicability
6	Orders of Conditions	8	Certificates of Compliance
9	Forest Cutting Plans reviewed	2	Certificates of Emergency
200	Site Inspections		

The Open Space Plan has been submitted for approval. When approved, it will make Palmer eligible for state funds.

The bylaw allowing the use of the proceeds from sale of forest products (forest cutting) has enabled the Commission to develop a management plan for 202 acres off Bacon Rd. and to survey and pin 77.5 acres of this area. The Management Plan and survey are available for viewing at the Commission office. The Town acquired 38 acres of land along Old Warren Rd. which has been marked with property boundary signs and trail signs and a sign for this Midura Family Conservation area has been installed. We have begun restoration of two of three overgrown fields. This area is being evaluated for use as habitat and passive recreation.

A gate has been installed at the Tavern Rd. pathway/ Bacon Rd. Conservation area at the intersection with Bacon Rd. and this has resulted in stopping the "midnight" trash deposits. We will be completing the installation of a gate near the intersection of the upper Rondeau Rd., Conservation pathway and the upper St. John Rd. Conservation pathway as well as another gate along Bacon Rd. at the northern most area of the St. John Conservation pathway.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harry Johnson



ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERAN'S SERVICES

The budget for the Veteran's Services was once again level funded for FY'99. I appreciate the efforts of the Finance Committee members and would like to thank them for an adequate budget.

The function of Veteran's Services is to provide aid and assistance to veterans and their dependents who qualify in order to insure their life sustaining needs. These benefits are governed by Chapter 115 of the General Laws of Massachusetts as amended.

It must be understood that this office is not the Department of Veteran's Affairs commonly known and referred to as the VA, but we assist in filing for the various benefits administered by that body, and referring veterans and their dependents to other State and Federal agencies as requested.

Although there are many questions that we can and do answer, there are times when these questions can also be answered by calling the department of Veteran's Affairs at 1-800-827-1000, which connects the caller directly to the Regional Office in Boston. There is also a VA office in the Federal Building in Springfield and that number is (413) 785-0301 that can be used for medical information and outpatient clinic services and appointments.

In keeping with previous Annual Reports, I have recorded the following business for FY'98:

Office Visits- 437
Telephone Calls - 768
Request for Discharges - 13
Requests for GI Loan Application - 4
Requests for Medals - 27 (from WWII to present)
Requests for Bonus Applications (WWII 1, Korea 7, Vietnam 9, Persian Gulf 3
Applications for new Veterans Cemetery - 67

Providing office hours during the day has made it possible for older veterans and widows to have easier access to our services.

In November 1998, the President signed into law 1.3% COLA for disability compensation and DIC recipients. This increase was reflected in the checks received on or about December 31, 1998.

Arrangements were made through the office of DET to have the VER (Veterans Employment Representative) come into Palmer on a weekly basis. Mr. David Donaldson, VER for our area, is in the Town Building every Thursday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Appointments are scheduled through my office by calling (413) 283-2610 and any and all unemployed veterans are welcome to apply.

The President submitted the name of Togo D. West for consideration as Secretary of the Department of Veteran's Affairs and he was approved by the Senate in January 1998. Mr. West had served as Secretary of the Army in the Clinton Administration since 1993. He has continued the motto: "Putting Veterans First".

As noted above, applications for the new Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Agawam are available from this office and can be mailed upon request. It should be noted that once the application has been accepted and the veteran so notified, he/she or their families can change their minds for any reason and not fulfill the obligation of being buried in that Veterans' Cemetery.

VETERANS' LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS - 1997-98

- Raised the amount (from $500 to $1500) for an annuity created in 1946 for combat-caused **100% blind or loss of limb veterans.** This was the first raise in 51 years;

- Extended this annual $1500 annuity (effective July 1, 1998) to **ALL** service-connected **100% disabled veterans**. This should help abut 6000 veterans. This $1500 from the state is *in addition* to VA benefits and must be separately applied for through the state (or local veterans' agent);

- Extended the $1500 annuity (effect July 1, 1998) to the parents of veterans killed in the line of duty or as a result of disease or illness caused by war or insurrection (i.e. **Gold Star Mothers and Fathers**). This is the first time that any state has given anything to the parents. There are only a few hundred (thank God) who will take advantage of this benefit, but they are very appreciative of this small token for the contribution they gave to this country. I have filed four cases in Palmer that have been approved;

- Ended Massachusetts being the only state in the country taking military pensions effective with the 1997 taxes (filed April 15, 1998). This will help about 13,000 **military retirees** living in Massachusetts;

- Doubling the state's contribution towards real estate exemptions for our **Disabled American Veterans and their widows** resulting in a $75 "raise" for about 53,000 veterans or surviving spouses. This was the first raise in 27 years and represents about 40% for the majority of the D.A.V.;

- Increased the money to **bury a poor veteran** to $2000 for a *total* funeral cost of $3000 and gave families up to 60 days to submit the application of this benefit. Cities and Towns pay the $2000 and are reimbursed 75% by the state;

- Provided to each City and Town a reimbursement of 75% of the cost of decorating the graves of veterans each Memorial Day. Previously, the State paid nothing toward these "little American flags" placed on each veterans' grave on Memorial Day. It is estimated that there are about 250,000 veterans graves decorated each Memorial Day;

- Established 2 state cemeteries exclusively for veterans in Agawam and Winchendon. This is the first time there is any veteran's cemetery in Massachusetts other than the National Cemetery in Bourne (Cape Cod);

- Created free license plates for recipients of the Silver Star and Bronze Star (combat hero awards) in addition to previously established plates for Medal of Honor, Legion of Honor (i.e. Navy Cross), DAV, Former American Prisoners of War, and Purple Hearts (i.e. combat injury). Veteran's (flag) plates still cost a small fee which goes to the Soldier's Homes;

- $10,000 for the Korean War Veterans Association to take care of the official State memorial to that war at the old Charlestown (Boston) Navy Yard;

- $14,000 (to be combined with other funds) to complete the **POW/MIA eternal flame** at the Bourne National Cemetery;

- $10 million to dry-dock and seal the bottom of the battleship **USS Massachusetts** (museum in the water in Fall River) which has not been out of the water in over 50 years and which is in danger of sinking.

On a bright sunny day, December 24, 1998, Congressman Richard E. Neal of our 2nd District, held a news conference on the site of the proposed entry way of the Agawam Veteran's Memorial Cemetery and informed those of us gathered that the Federal Government was going to assume the entire cost of that cemetery which amounts to a $3.7 million dollar savings to the taxpayers of Massachusetts. It was through the hard work and the efforts of Mr. Neal that this has come about and we should all be pleased with this unexpected "Christmas Gift" and are grateful to him for this. We are anticipating the opening of this facility around Memorial Day 2000.

For the third year, a full observance of Veterans' Day was held in 1998. Although it rained, the ceremonies held in the auditorium of St. Bartholomew's

Church in Bondsville was well attended. With the cooperation of the American Legion Post 130, Amvets Post 74 and the Board of Selectmen, the program went off well with the State Senator Stephen M. Brewer as our speaker.

My many thanks to those who assisted financially and physically, particularly the Palmer Police Department under Chief Robert Frydryk, the Fire Departments of Palmer, Three Rivers and Bondsville, and to all the participants.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the excellent support of President Paul Benard of the Bondsville Chamber of Commerce and also Chairman of the Bondsville Grammar School Park Committee who assisted me to no end. To Mr. Benard and all his members - thank you very much.

In closing, I wish to thank Executive Secretary Beverly A. Lund and my fellow employees in the Town Administrative Building for their cooperation and, last but not least, the Board of Selectmen, who have given me the opportunity to serve my fellow veterans.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter E. Pappas, Director
Veteran's Agent
Burial Agent
Graves Registration Officer









REPORT OF THE PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT – 1998

In 1998, the Palmer Police Department answered approximately 11,334 calls for service. From these calls, 2,350 criminal offenses were recorded and investigated. Additionally, 913 individuals were arrested and/or summoned to court. More than 2,215 traffic offenses were recorded and 453 traffic accidents investigated. Two fatalities occurred as a result of these traffic accidents.

The department responded to 741 various alarm calls. Once again, the vast majority (96%) of these calls was attributable to accidental or false activations. As always, we remind business owners and residents that, while we encourage the use of these cost effective and generally efficient safeguards, we request and expect that alarm owners will work with their service providers to insure that their systems are working properly and are used responsibly.

A complete statistical report of the year's activity follows this report.

The department is currently comprised of 18 full-time and 9 part-time police officers, who are supported by 5 full-time and three part-time non-sworn staff. In October a promotional examination for the position of Police Lieutenant was administered by the state's Human Resource Division (Civil Service). It is anticipated that the results of this examination will be available in early 1999.

The results of the community policing survey of Palmer residents, conducted in 1997 by the Local Community Research Group of the Social and Demographic Research Institute of the University of Massachusetts were released in early 1998. Of the 2,000 surveys that were scientifically distributed throughout the town, approximately 68% were returned. We were very pleased with the return rate of these surveys and we thank those residents who participated and took the time to complete the survey. It is our plan to use the results of the survey to design the distribution of our resources and efforts for the future.

While it is too lengthy to reprint in this report, copies of the survey are available. Please contact me at the police department if you would like a copy. Below are just a few of the survey's highlights:

- 88% of respondents reported feeling safe or somewhat safe in their neighborhoods;
- 94% of respondents reported that they would feel safe or somewhat safe walking alone in their neighborhoods during the day;
- 75% of respondents said they would feel safe or somewhat safe walking alone in their neighborhoods at night;
- The eight most frequently mentioned neighborhood problems were:
    1. traffic problems;
    2. noise;
    3. litter/unkempt property;
    4. vandalism;
    5. unleashed/barking dogs;
    6. loitering;
    7. unsupervised children/teenagers; and
    8. problems at bars

- The five most frequently mentioned categories of service respondents thought the police department should provide are:
    1. Increased police patrols;
    2. Safety programs and education
    3. Police involvement in the community;
    4. Better enforcement of existing laws; and
    5. More training for police officers.
- The vast majority of respondents (86%) reported being "very confident" or "somewhat confident in the police department's ability to keep them safe from crime. A similar proportion expressed confidence in the department's ability to catch criminals.
- 73% of those who reported a crime or disturbance to the police expressed satisfaction with the way police handled the report.
- Residents who reported dissatisfaction with the way police handled their last report were asked to offer a brief explanation for their dissatisfaction. A total of 106 respondents answered this open-ended question. The five most frequently cited complaint categories overall were as follows:
    1. Lack of follow-up, failure to solve the problem at hand, or the officer displayed an uncaring attitude;
    2. No police response to a complaint, or a very slow response;
    3. The dispatcher was rude or apathetic
    4. The officers who responded did not act professionally; and
    5. People's anonymity was compromised after they made reports.
- 88% of respondents who had spoken in person to a police officer reported that the officer was either "very courteous" or "somewhat courteous."
- 80% of respondents reported that the officer they dealt with was either "very unintimidating" or "somewhat unintimidating."

Again, this survey should be very useful as a guide to the department as we plan for the future. I encourage anyone who is interested, to review it and comment.

As part of our ongoing effort to be more accessible to the community, the department undertook two projects this past year with financial assistance from Community Policing grants from the state's Executive Office of Public Safety:

- Three officers (William McCarthy, Richard Wahlers, and Robert Young) were trained and equipped with police bicycles. These patrols have been very well received by the citizens and the participating officers. They have proved useful in increasing our contact with the community, and in addressing certain "quality of life" crimes such as vandalism, disorderly conduct, public drinking, etc. Our plan for the future is to train additional officers in the use of bicycles so as to make these patrols more frequent and more readily available.

- Two Citizen Police Academies were held during the year. This 11-week program, which is available to all residents, exposes the participants to the daily duties and responsibilities of the police department in a classroom setting. Topics presented include search and seizure, patrol procedures, drug investigation, rape and child abuse investigation, E9-1-1 and dispatch functions, and a host of other subjects related to the operation of the police department. The program also includes an optional "ride-along" where participants patrol with police officers.

The academy instructors were primarily employees of the police department, including police officers and dispatchers. Outside instructors were also utilized and included State Police Troopers, an assistant district attorney, a probation officer, and a district court judge.

The Citizen Academy received rave reviews from the participants, who found it very informative, interesting, and exciting. Other academies are planned for 1999, so anyone interested in obtaining additional information is encouraged to contact the police department.

The department received the following additional grants in 1998:

Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance) - $39,575 to be used for equipment, technology and other materials directly related to basic law enforcement functions.

Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Grant (Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety) - $9,700 to assist in funding our very successful and beneficial D.A.R.E. program.

Community Policing Grant (Massachusetts Executive Office of Public Safety) - $23,000 to aid in the development, implementation, and maintenance of community policing programs and initiatives.

Speed, Seatbelt & OUI Enforcement Grant (Governor's Highway Safety Bureau) - $5,000 to provide supplemental police patrols related to enforcing speed limits, seatbelt usage and OUI enforcement.

The police department works hard, every day, to provide quality services to the residents of the community. As the above report reflects, we have been aggressive in our efforts to provide and improve these services. I would like to thank the staff of the police department for their dedication and commitment to the department and the community. Even in a small town, delivery of law enforcement and other public safety services is complex, and poses many challenges. These employees have risen to this challenge and I am grateful to them.

I would also like to thank the residents of the community who continue to support us. Thanks, too, to the Board of Selectmen and Executive Secretary Beverly Lund, the Finance Committee, the town's fire departments and their chiefs, Highway Superintendent Phil Sampson an his staff, and all the other town offices and departments for their cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert P. Frydryk
Chief of Police



SECTION 1

CALLS FOR SERVICE DATA

CALL ANALYSIS FOUNDED/UNFOUNDED REPORT
PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT
From 01/1998 thru 12/1998

DISPATCH REASON	CALLS	FOUNDED	UNFOUNDED	ACCIDENT	ARREST	INCIDENT
Rape *	4	4	0	0	1	3
Robbery *	5	5	0	1	6	3
Assault/A&B *	108	104	4	0	35	41
Breaking & Entering/Burglary *	93	81	12	0	5	61
Larceny *	286	270	16	0	28	148
M/V Theft *	28	28	0	0	0	14
Arson *	3	3	0	0	0	3
Kidnapping *	3	3	0	0	1	2
Fraud *	16	16	0	0	3	10
Soliciting	11	7	4	0	0	0
Vandalism *	262	247	15	0	32	127
Weapons Violations *	39	25	14	0	3	7
Prostitution *	1	0	1	0	0	0
Sex Offenses *	19	19	0	0	5	13
Harassment	46	42	4	0	0	2
Liquor Law Violations *	15	9	6	0	5	2
Protective Custody *	28	28	0	0	30	1
Disorderly Conduct	64	49	15	0	4	5
Assist Other Agency	143	127	16	0	9	2
M/V Violations	352	264	88	3	63	3
M/V Recovery *	14	14	0	0	0	5
Loitering	16	12	4	0	0	0
Runaway *	46	43	3	0	4	19
Bylaw Viol-Public Drinking	1	0	1	0	0	0
Annoying/Obscene Phone Calls	102	101	1	0	2	10
Missing Person *	58	54	4	0	1	24
Property (Lost)	54	51	3	0	0	3

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PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT
From 01/1998 thru 12/1998

DISPATCH REASON	CALLS	FOUNDED	UNFOUNDED	ACCIDENT	ARREST	INCIDENT
Property (Found)	91	89	2	0	1	18
Accident (Property Damage)	461	432	29	320	30	11
Accident (Personal Injury)	80	77	3	59	10	4
Accident (Hit & Run)	85	80	5	55	11	2
Accident (Pedestrian)	6	5	1	3	0	0
Intox / Incapacitated Person	118	92	26	0	34	2
Check Well-being	70	55	15	0	0	6
Shoplifting *	21	21	0	0	10	4
Alarm (Holdup)	20	1	19	0	1	0
Abandoned M/V	22	22	0	0	1	0
Disabled M/V	299	277	22	1	3	0
Disturbance (General)	91	76	15	0	24	11
Officer Requests Assistance	4	3	1	0	3	0
Suicide Attempt/Threat *	32	27	5	0	2	7
Alarm (other)	25	5	20	0	0	0
Alarm (TEST/MAINTENANCE)	17	16	1	0	0	0
Alarm (Fire)	66	12	54	1	1	1
Alarm (Burglar)	637	8	629	0	3	4
Alarm (Panic/Trouble)	42	1	41	0	0	0
Suspicious Auto(s)	243	197	46	1	12	8
Suspicious (Other)	107	73	34	0	0	4
Family Offense (Non violent)	29	27	2	0	0	1
Reported Death *	15	15	0	0	0	13
Disturbance (Loud Noise)	194	152	42	0	5	1
Disturbance (Neighbor)	48	44	4	0	2	0
Disturbance (Gathering)	81	64	17	0	8	3

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DISPATCH REASON	CALLS	FOUNDED	UNFOUNDED	ACCIDENT	ARREST	INCIDENT
House/Building Check	43	35	8	0	0	1
Assist Motorist	137	129	8	0	0	0
Assist Citizen	277	265	12	0	0	6
M/V Stop	277	272	5	1	94	3
Open Door/Window	61	32	29	0	0	0
Public Service Other	25	25	0	0	0	0
Officer Wanted	229	212	17	1	15	15
Notification/Message Delivery	47	45	2	0	0	1
Arrest (Warrant) *	132	125	7	0	120	2
Summons Service	19	18	1	0	0	0
Disturbance (Motor Vehicle)	16	14	2	0	1	1
209A Service	24	22	2	0	0	0
Medical Assist (unspecif)	8	7	1	0	0	0
Animal Complaint	226	210	16	0	1	6
Arrest (On sight) *	30	29	1	0	32	0
Arrest (Unspecified) *	6	6	0	0	7	0
Parking Violation	103	86	17	0	0	0
Suspicious Person(s)	236	163	73	0	21	5
Assist Other Police Department	181	161	20	0	4	7
Arrest (OUI) *	11	11	0	0	12	0
Breaking & Enter (M/V) *	51	49	2	0	5	36
Toll Evasion	3	1	2	0	0	0
Fire (Structure/Dwelling)	24	22	2	0	0	1
Kidnapping (Custod Interfer) *	1	1	0	0	0	0
Annoying/Accosting *	9	8	1	0	0	1
M/V Release	38	38	0	0	0	0
M/V Repossession	25	21	4	0	0	0

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PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT
From 01/1998 thru 12/1998

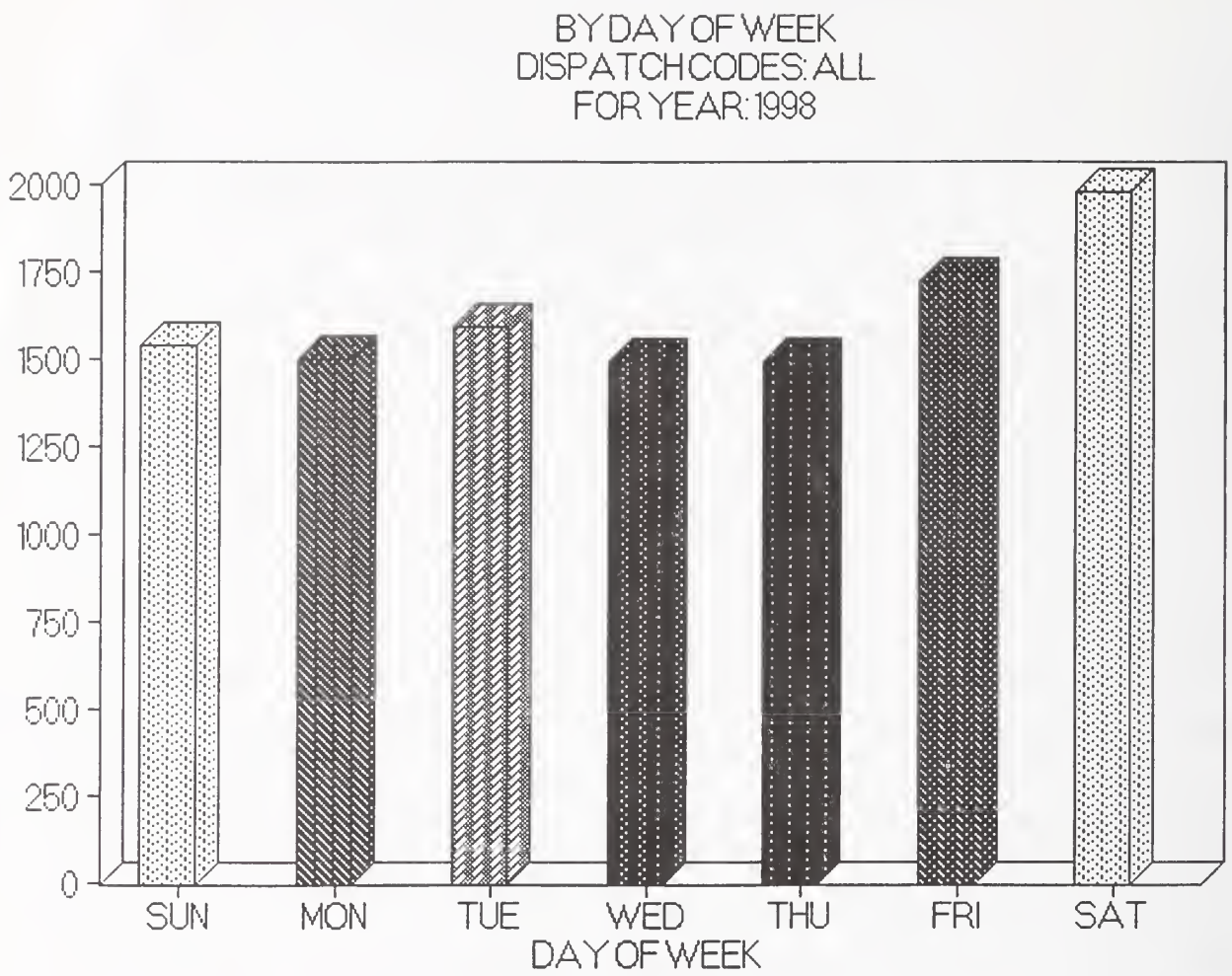
DISPATCH REASON	CALLS	FOUNDED	UNFOUNDED	ACCIDENT	ARREST	INCIDENT
Escape	1	0	1	0	0	0
Bylaw Viol (other)	15	15	0	0	0	0
Bylaw Viol-Snow on Sidewalk	3	3	0	0	1	0
Bylaw Viol-Unreg Veh(s)	22	22	0	0	1	0
Trespass Complaint	100	83	17	0	14	6
Unwanted Person(s)	119	99	20	0	30	2
Property Return	20	18	2	0	0	0
Drug/Narcotics Violation *	21	19	2	0	8	1
Alarm (Medical)	17	11	6	0	0	0
Child Abuse *	10	8	2	0	1	5
Child Neglect *	26	25	1	0	2	11
Disturbance (Domestic) *	289	257	32	0	91	30
Civil Complaint	48	47	1	0	2	0
GENERAL SERVICES	29	28	1	0	0	1
Hazardous Condition	282	236	46	0	1	1
Illegal Dumping	41	40	1	0	4	7
Water Leak	27	27	0	0	0	0
Power Outage	9	9	0	0	0	0
Threat Report *	111	106	5	0	4	25
Water Hazard	8	8	0	0	0	0
Arrest (CHINS)	3	2	1	0	2	0
209A Request *	41	41	0	0	1	19
209A Violation *	55	51	4	0	19	12
Medical Assist (Injury)	2	2	0	0	0	1
Medical Assist (Illness)	5	5	0	0	0	0
Medical Assist (Psychiatric)	14	12	2	0	0	0

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DISPATCH REASON	CALLS	FOUNDED	UNFOUNDED	ACCIDENT	ARREST	INCIDENT
Medical Transport (Emergency)	307	301	6	0	4	12
Medical Transport (Routine)	25	25	0	0	0	0
Medical Assist (Mutual Aid)	7	7	0	0	0	0
9-1-1 Misuse	127	91	36	0	0	1
Cruiser Transport (Courtesy)	138	131	7	0	1	3
Cruiser Transport (Emergency)	4	3	1	0	0	0
Cruiser Transport (Arrest)	10	10	0	0	1	0
INFO - Power Outages	4	4	0	0	0	0
INFO - Warrants	19	17	2	0	0	0
INFO - Road Conditions	9	9	0	0	0	0
INFO - Weather Conditions	2	2	0	0	0	0
INFO - Holiday Store Hours	1	1	0	0	0	0
INFO - School Closings	1	1	0	0	0	0
INFO - Directions	114	114	0	0	0	0
INFO - Police Reports	207	187	20	0	0	0
Bomb Threat *	1	0	1	0	0	0
Fire (Forest/Brush)	39	39	0	0	1	0
Fire (Motor Vehicle)	14	14	0	0	0	2
Fire (Mutual Aid)	6	6	0	0	0	0
Fire (HAZMAT)	2	2	0	0	0	0
HAZMAT Spill/Leak	14	13	1	0	0	0
Fire (Other)	40	37	3	0	2	1
Gas Leak/Odor	10	10	0	1	0	1
Fire (Outside Burning Complnt)	44	42	2	0	0	0
Smoke Report (No fire evident)	25	20	5	0	0	0
Fire Code Violation	1	1	0	0	0	0
Fire TONE TEST	4	4	0	0	0	0

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DISPATCH REASON	CALLS	FOUNDED	UNFOUNDED	ACCIDENT	ARREST	INCIDENT
9-1-1 Abandoned Call	49	29	20	0	1	0
9-1-1 Bogus Call	36	6	30	0	0	0
9-1-1 Hangup Call	225	127	98	0	6	4
9-1-1 Silent Call	13	7	6	0	0	0
INFO - Abuse/209A Orders	41	41	0	0	0	1
INFO - Town Offices/Depts	53	53	0	0	0	0
INFO - Record Checks	23	23	0	0	0	0
INFO - Solicitors	10	8	2	0	0	0
INFO - Detainees	53	53	0	0	0	0
INFO - Pistol Permits/FIDs	41	41	0	0	0	0
INFO - Extra Duty Details	80	80	0	0	0	0
INFO - General	1205	1171	34	0	1	1
INFO - Burning Permits	11	10	1	0	0	0
INFO - Ambulance Service	41	41	0	0	0	0
GRAND TOTALS	**11334**	**9439**	**1895**	**447**	**908**	**840**


BY DAY OF WEEK
DISPATCH CODES: ALL
FOR YEAR: 1998
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CALL ANALYSIS BY DAY OF WEEK

PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT
FOR YEAR: 1998

HOUR	CALLS	DAY'S%	CALLS	DAY'S%	CALLS	DAY'S%	CALLS	DAY'S%	CALLS	DAY'S%	CALLS	DAY'S%	CALLS	DAY'S%	CALLS	DAY'S%
	SUN		MON		TUE		WED		THU		FRI		SAT			
00	92	6.0%	45	3.0%	43	2.7%	47	3.1%	47	3.1%	54	3.1%	64	3.2%	392	3.5%
01	75	4.9%	28	1.9%	46	2.9%	44	2.9%	46	3.1%	54	3.1%	82	4.1%	375	3.3%
02	66	4.3%	21	1.4%	31	1.9%	26	1.7%	39	2.6%	48	2.8%	59	3.0%	290	2.6%
03	36	2.3%	16	1.1%	21	1.3%	23	1.5%	26	1.7%	25	1.5%	50	2.5%	197	1.7%
04	26	1.7%	15	1.0%	18	1.1%	16	1.1%	19	1.3%	21	1.2%	21	1.1%	136	1.2%
05	13	0.8%	17	1.1%	18	1.1%	32	2.1%	19	1.3%	26	1.5%	23	1.2%	148	1.3%
06	22	1.4%	66	4.4%	84	5.3%	82	5.5%	78	5.2%	83	4.8%	24	1.2%	439	3.9%
07	29	1.9%	62	4.1%	69	4.3%	58	3.9%	66	4.4%	60	3.5%	51	2.6%	395	3.5%
08	52	3.4%	86	5.7%	92	5.8%	82	5.5%	78	5.2%	113	6.6%	76	3.8%	579	5.1%
09	61	4.0%	111	7.4%	104	6.5%	96	6.4%	94	6.3%	86	5.0%	101	5.1%	653	5.8%
10	60	3.9%	83	5.5%	88	5.5%	81	5.4%	91	6.1%	89	5.2%	111	5.6%	603	5.3%
11	59	3.8%	84	5.6%	96	6.0%	74	4.9%	85	5.7%	93	5.4%	120	6.1%	611	5.4%
12	68	4.4%	86	5.7%	61	3.8%	81	5.4%	60	4.0%	69	4.0%	115	5.8%	540	4.8%
13	82	5.3%	95	6.3%	70	4.4%	61	4.1%	75	5.0%	63	3.7%	109	5.5%	555	4.9%
14	101	6.6%	90	6.0%	86	5.4%	81	5.4%	81	5.4%	93	5.4%	99	5.0%	631	5.6%
15	86	5.6%	109	7.3%	108	6.8%	91	6.1%	92	6.1%	94	5.5%	95	4.8%	675	6.0%
16	97	6.3%	63	4.2%	83	5.2%	58	3.9%	73	4.9%	89	5.2%	130	6.6%	593	5.2%
17	105	6.8%	73	4.9%	91	5.7%	92	6.2%	78	5.2%	84	4.9%	119	6.0%	642	5.7%
18	93	6.0%	78	5.2%	76	4.8%	82	5.5%	69	4.6%	93	5.4%	99	5.0%	590	5.2%
19	82	5.3%	62	4.1%	81	5.1%	58	3.9%	41	2.7%	75	4.4%	90	4.5%	489	4.3%
20	57	3.7%	62	4.1%	71	4.4%	60	4.0%	54	3.6%	63	3.7%	84	4.2%	451	4.0%
21	72	4.7%	65	4.3%	55	3.4%	65	4.3%	88	5.9%	90	5.2%	92	4.6%	527	4.6%
22	65	4.2%	52	3.5%	58	3.6%	62	4.1%	51	3.4%	98	5.7%	95	4.8%	481	4.2%
23	42	2.7%	32	2.1%	46	2.9%	43	2.9%	46	3.1%	60	3.5%	73	3.7%	342	3.0%
TOTALS	1541	100.0%	1501	100.0%	1596	100.0%	1495	100.0%	1496	100.0%	1723	100.0%	1982	100.0%	11334	100.0%

CALL ANALYSIS BY ZONE
PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT

ZONE		JAN 98 CALLS	JAN 98 %IND	FEB 98 CALLS	FEB 98 %IND	MAR 98 CALLS	MAR 98 %IND	APR 98 CALLS	APR 98 %IND	MAY 98 CALLS	MAY 98 %IND	JUN 98 CALLS	JUN 98 %IND
PALMER	(PA)	376	46.4%	355	44.8%	446	40.6%	418	43.2%	450	43.0%	412	43.1%
THREE RIVERS	(TR)	155	19.1%	158	19.9%	178	16.2%	170	17.6%	204	19.5%	160	16.7%
THORNDIKE	(TH)	111	13.7%	98	12.4%	151	13.7%	132	13.6%	133	12.7%	134	14.0%
DESK	(DE)	98	12.1%	111	14.0%	250	22.7%	161	16.6%	173	16.5%	136	14.2%
BONDSVILLE	(BO)	60	7.4%	57	7.2%	60	5.5%	72	7.4%	74	7.1%	100	10.5%
OTHER CITY/TOWN	(OT)	11	1.4%	13	1.6%	14	1.3%	15	1.5%	13	1.2%	14	1.5%
TOTALS		811	100.0%	792	100.0%	1099	100.0%	968	100.0%	1047	100.0%	956	100.0%

CALL ANALYSIS BY ZONE
PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT

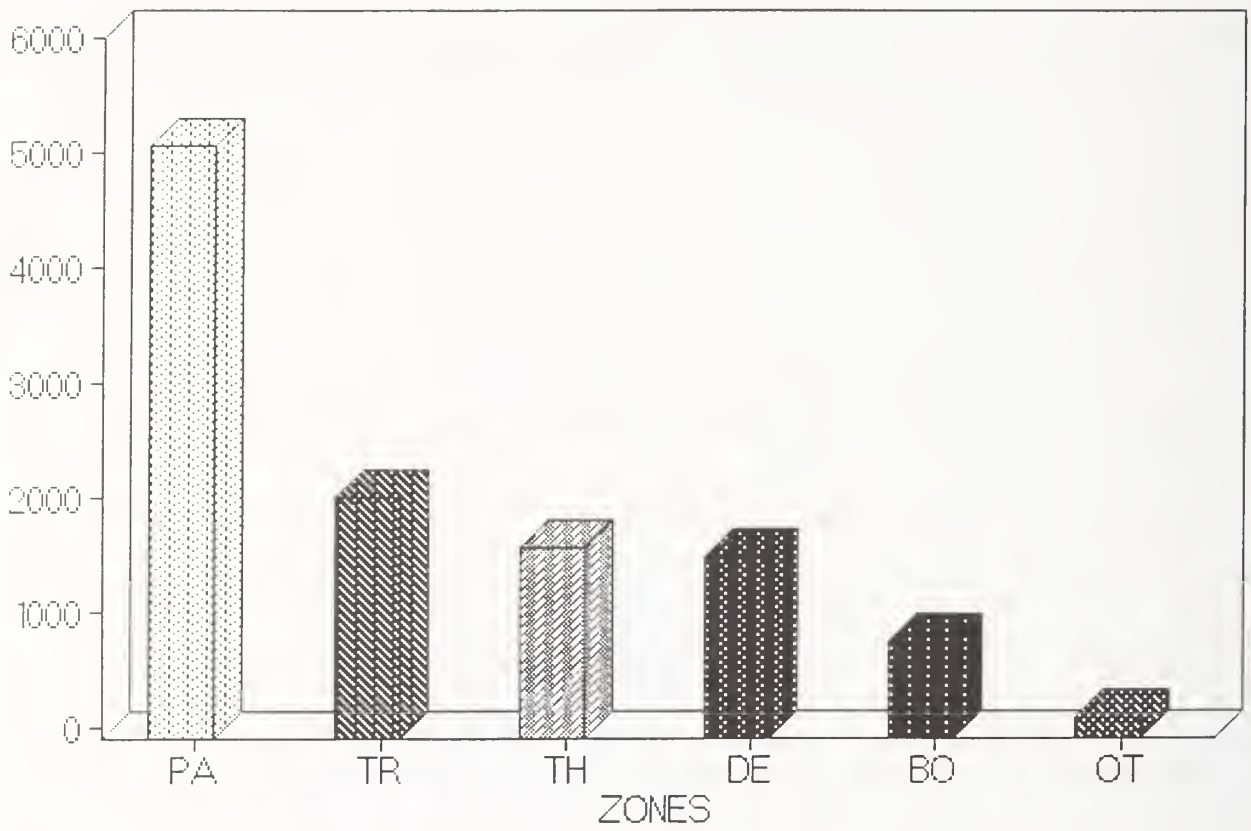
ZONE		JUL 98 CALLS	JUL 98 %IND	AUG 98 CALLS	AUG 98 %IND	SEP 98 CALLS	SEP 98 %IND	OCT 98 CALLS	OCT 98 %IND	NOV 98 CALLS	NOV 98 %IND	DEC 98 CALLS	DEC 98 %IND	TOTALS CALLS	TOTALS %IND
PALMER	(PA)	499	45.7%	465	48.0%	461	44.5%	461	48.5%	352	45.4%	378	45.1%	5073	44.8%
THREE RIVERS	(TR)	221	20.2%	187	19.3%	171	16.5%	157	16.5%	150	19.4%	154	18.4%	2065	18.2%
THORNDIKE	(TH)	153	14.0%	149	15.4%	206	19.9%	133	14.0%	123	15.9%	118	14.1%	1641	14.5%
DESK	(DE)	127	11.6%	104	10.7%	111	10.7%	114	12.0%	79	10.2%	98	11.7%	1362	12.0%
BONDSVILLE	(BO)	75	6.9%	51	5.3%	71	6.8%	68	7.2%	57	7.4%	73	8.7%	818	7.2%
OTHER CITY/TOWN	(OT)	18	1.6%	12	1.2%	17	1.6%	17	1.8%	14	1.8%	17	2.0%	175	1.5%
TOTALS		1093	100.0%	968	100.0%	1037	100.0%	950	100.0%	775	100.0%	838	100.0%	11334	100.0%

CALL ANALYSIS FOUNDED/UNFOUNDED REPORT

PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT
From 01/1998 thru 12/1998

DISPATCH REASON	CALLS	FOUNDED	UNFOUNDED	ACCIDENT	ARREST	INCIDENT
Alarm (Holdup)	20	1	19	0	1	0
Alarm (other)	25	5	20	0	0	0
Alarm (Burglar)	637	8	629	0	3	4
Alarm (Panic/Trouble)	42	1	41	0	0	0
Alarm (Medical)	17	11	6	0	0	0
GRAND TOTALS	**741**	**26**	**715**	**0**	**4**	**4**

BREAKDOWN BY ZONE



LEGEND

PA - PALMER
DE - DESK ——— Activity in this zone reflects calls received at the police department that did not require the dispatch of a police officer to a specific location, but for which the service was provided at the police station itself or over the telephone, such as providing accident or crime information, directions, referrals to other agencies, etc.
TR - THREE RIVERS
TH - THORNDIKE
BO - BONDSVILLE
OT - OTHER CITY/TOWN —— Activity in this zone reflects calls received for incidents that occurred in another jurisdiction and which required a referral to that juridiction or a response to to that juridiction by this department.

SECTION 2

OFFENSE, ARREST & ARRESTEE DATA

PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT
Offenses (IBR) By Month
1998

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
KIDNAPPING / ABDUCTION	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
FORCIBLE RAPE	1	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	1	0	9
SEXUAL ASSAULT WITH AN OBJEC	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	8
FORCIBLE FONDLING	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	4	1	8
ROBBERY	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	9	10	11	5	3	8	8	22	2	12	2	0	92
SIMPLE ASSAULT	11	14	6	7	20	15	18	22	10	10	13	23	169
INTIMIDATION	6	9	4	2	3	3	3	8	3	3	3	5	52
ARSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	4
BURGLARY / BREAKING AND ENTE	4	4	9	4	6	5	7	11	6	8	9	1	74
PURSE-SNATCHING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
SHOPLIFTING	3	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	2	4	4	2	19
THEFT FROM BUILDING	5	3	6	9	10	4	2	6	2	11	2	1	61
THEFT FROM COIN-OPERATED MAC	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	14	7	6	4	2	2	10	8	6	5	6	5	75
THEFT OF MOTOR VEHICLE PARTS	3	1	1	1	0	2	2	4	1	2	0	1	18
ALL OTHER LARCENY	9	8	12	10	12	7	18	13	11	17	8	14	139
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	1	2	1	1	3	1	0	3	2	5	3	2	24
COUNTERFEITING / FORGERY	1	2	12	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	18
FALSE PRETENSES / SWINDLE /	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
CREDIT CARD / AUTOMATIC TELL	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	5
EMBEZZLEMENT	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	3	0	1	4	0	1	1	4	2	3	1	1	21
DESTRUCTION / DAMAGE / VANDA	7	12	16	20	10	10	24	21	13	32	15	15	195
DRUG / NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	0	13	7	0	10	4	0	8	5	3	7	2	59
DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	1	0	2	10
BAD CHECKS	1	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	9
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	27	6	6	5	8	11	3	16	10	4	15	6	117
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	7	6	2	3	7	3	4	8	3	4	5	6	58
DRUNKENNESS	7	4	16	7	11	7	12	22	9	14	17	9	135
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	5	3	2	0	4	20	1	0	0	0	0	1	36
RUNAWAY	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY	4	4	3	2	2	10	4	4	6	5	8	1	53
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	21	40	26	33	28	33	19	40	21	29	29	20	339
TRAFFIC, TOWN BY-LAW OFFENSE	39	32	44	22	47	57	47	57	52	56	35	38	526
TOTALS	190	186	200	141	188	207	192	289	168	239	189	161	2350

PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT
Primary Arresting Offense (IBR) By Month
1998

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGHTER	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
FORCIBLE RAPE	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
SEXUAL ASSAULT WITH AN OBJEC	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2
ROBBERY	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	1	2	4	4	1	5	1	8	0	2	1	0	29
SIMPLE ASSAULT	5	8	3	3	11	10	13	13	7	4	8	14	99
INTIMIDATION	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	4
BURGLARY / BREAKING AND ENTE	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	0	7
SHOPLIFTING	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	2	0	13
THEFT FROM BUILDING	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
THEFT FROM MOTOR VEHICLE	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	6
ALL OTHER LARCENY	5	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	3	0	5	18
COUNTERFEITING / FORGERY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
CREDIT CARD / AUTOMATIC TELL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
STOLEN PROPERTY OFFENSES	2	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	9
DESTRUCTION / DAMAGE / VANDA	0	3	0	2	6	0	4	0	0	3	3	9	30
DRUG / NARCOTIC VIOLATIONS	0	5	4	0	6	4	0	6	3	1	4	1	34
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIONS	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3
BAD CHECKS	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	12	1	2	1	3	3	1	1	3	1	5	0	33
DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE	7	4	1	3	7	3	4	4	3	4	4	6	50
DRUNKENNESS	7	4	15	7	10	7	12	22	9	14	17	9	133
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIONS	1	3	2	0	4	7	1	0	0	0	0	1	19
TRESPASS OF REAL PROPERTY	1	5	2	2	1	8	0	2	5	5	3	1	35
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	14	32	17	19	11	16	13	16	14	18	17	15	202
TRAFFIC, TOWN BY-LAW OFFENSE	15	8	13	9	15	13	16	15	18	20	17	13	172
TOTALS	73	80	72	59	78	77	73	95	66	80	83	77	913

PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT
Offenses (In Arrests) By Age Group
1998

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	00-10	11-17	18-24	25-34	35-54	> 55	TOTALS
NEGLIGENT MANSLAUGH	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
FORCIBLE RAPE	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
SEXUAL ASSAULT WITH	0	1	0	0	0	3	4
ROBBERY	0	0	2	2	1	0	5
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	0	3	28	19	22	1	73
SIMPLE ASSAULT	0	20	33	30	37	2	122
INTIMIDATION	0	3	5	9	6	2	25
ARSON	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
BURGLARY / BREAKING	0	3	8	1	2	0	14
SHOPLIFTING	0	8	0	3	3	1	15
THEFT FROM BUILDING	0	1	5	0	1	0	7
THEFT FROM MOTOR VE	0	6	3	0	0	0	9
ALL OTHER LARCENY	0	8	10	4	2	0	24
COUNTERFEITING / FO	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
CREDIT CARD / AUTOM	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
STOLEN PROPERTY OFF	0	5	6	3	1	0	15
DESTRUCTION / DAMAG	3	19	12	5	6	0	45
DRUG / NARCOTIC VIO	0	25	9	18	6	1	59
DRUG EQUIPMENT VIOL	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
WEAPON LAW VIOLATIO	0	1	2	2	3	0	8
BAD CHECKS	0	1	3	0	0	0	4
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	0	21	36	18	25	4	104
DRIVING UNDER THE I	0	1	4	25	19	9	58
DRUNKENNESS	0	3	20	31	76	4	134
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATIO	0	15	19	1	0	0	35
TRESPASS OF REAL PR	0	18	9	8	9	1	45
ALL OTHER OFFENSES	0	30	74	87	74	7	272
TRAFFIC, TOWN BY-LA	0	61	158	142	125	22	508
TOTALS	3	256	452	409	418	57	1595

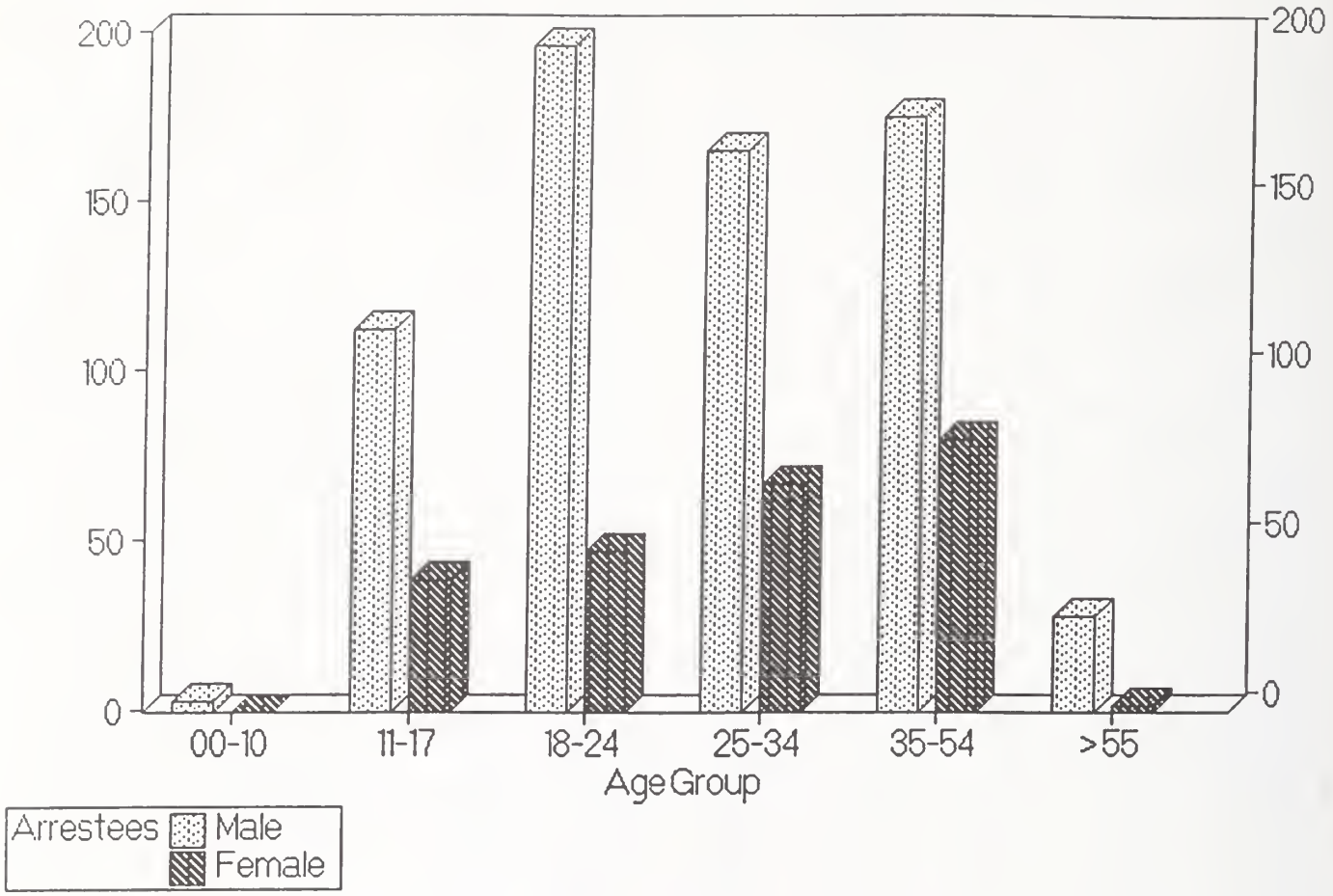
PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT
Weapon(s) Involved In Offenses
1998

	Occurrence(s)	Percentage
Firearm (Type not Stated)	2	0.0 %
Handgun	6	0.0 %
Rifle	1	0.0 %
Knife/Cutting Instrument	10	0.0 %
Blunt Object	16	1.0 %
Motor Vehicle	16	1.0 %
Personal Weapons (Hands/Feet/Etc)	207	9.0 %
Other	25	1.0 %
Unknown	5	0.0 %
None	2063	88.0 %
Total Offenses	2350	100.0 %

PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT
Arrestee Race And Sex By Age
1998

	00-10	11-17	18-24	25-34	35-54	> 55	TOTALS
WHITE							
MALE	2	108	186	152	166	28	642
FEMALE	0	39	45	64	79	2	229
UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLACK							
MALE	1	3	9	10	9	0	32
FEMALE	0	0	1	1	1	0	3
UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ASIAN							
MALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
INDIAN							
MALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UNKNOWN							
MALE	0	1	1	3	0	0	5
FEMALE	0	0	1	2	0	0	3
UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	3	151	243	232	255	30	914

Arrestee By Age / Sex
1998

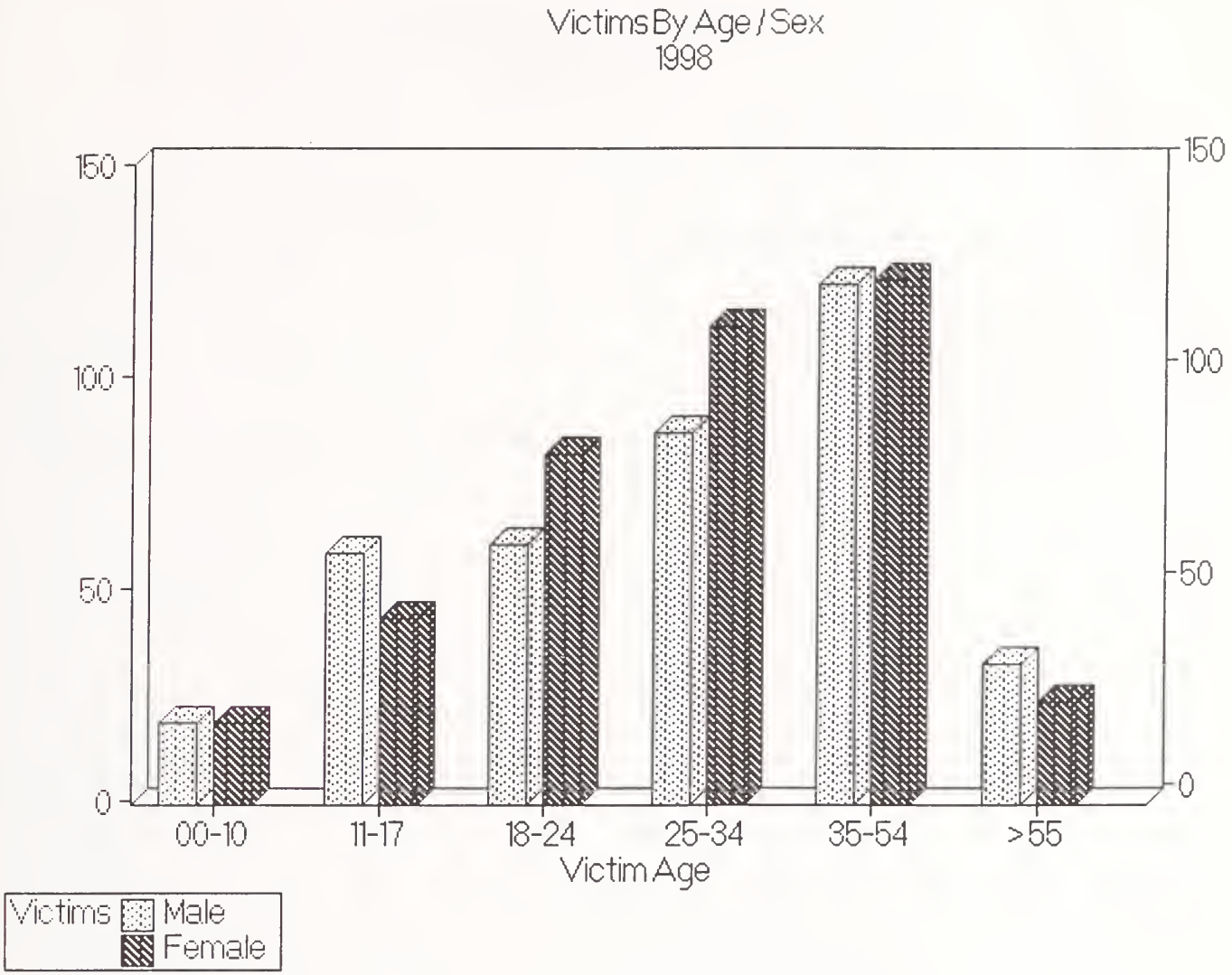


SECTION 3

VICTIM DATA

PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT
Victim Race And Sex By Age
1998

	00-10	11-17	18-24	25-34	35-54	> 55	TOTALS
WHITE							
MALE	17	58	60	82	114	32	363
FEMALE	17	44	79	110	114	24	388
UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BLACK							
MALE	1	1	1	4	0	0	7
FEMALE	0	0	0	0	5	0	5
UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ASIAN							
MALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEMALE	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
INDIAN							
MALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEMALE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UNKNOWN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UNKNOWN							
MALE	1	0	0	1	8	1	11
FEMALE	2	0	2	2	4	0	10
UNKNOWN	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTALS	39	103	143	199	245	57	786


Victims By Age / Sex
1998
150
100
50
0
00-10
11-17
18-24
25-34
35-54
>55
Victim Age
Victims
Male
Female

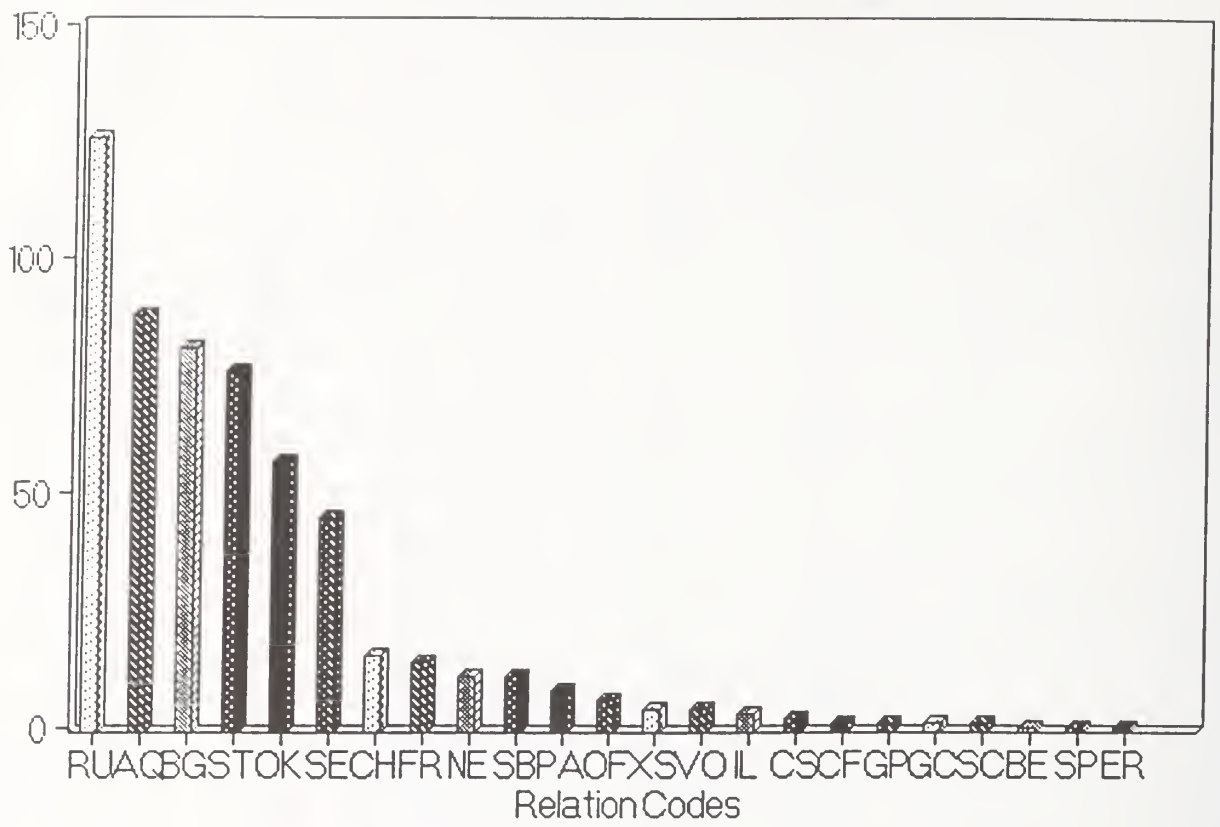
PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT
Victim Injuries
1998

	Occurrence(s)	Percentage
None	650	83.0 %
Apparent Broken Bones	7	1.0 %
Possible Internal Injuries	7	1.0 %
Severe Laceration	7	1.0 %
Apparent Minor Injury	119	15.0 %
Other Major Injury	6	1.0 %
Unconsciousness	2	0.0 %
Total Victims	786	100.0 %

PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT
Relationship Of Victim To Offender By Victim Age
1998

	00-10	11-17	18-24	25-34	35-54	> 55	TOTALS
Acquaintance	3	33	17	20	13	2	88
Babysittee	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Boy/Girl Friend	0	8	30	28	14	1	81
Child of Boy/Girl F	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Child	9	6	0	1	0	0	16
Common-Law Spouse	0	0	0	2	1	0	3
Employee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Employer	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Friend	0	3	7	3	2	0	15
Grandchild	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Grandparent	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Homosexual Relation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
In-Law	0	0	1	1	2	0	4
Neighbor	3	0	3	4	2	0	12
Other Family Member	2	0	2	1	2	0	7
Otherwise Known	3	15	16	10	9	4	57
Parent	0	0	0	2	7	0	9
Relationship Unknow	4	10	16	33	48	15	126
Sibling	1	1	5	1	3	1	12
Stepchild	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
Spouse	0	1	8	15	17	4	45
Stepparent	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Stepsibling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stranger	3	4	16	24	25	4	76
Victim was Offender	0	1	1	1	2	0	5
Ex-Spouse	0	0	0	3	2	0	5
TOTALS	33	82	122	149	153	33	572

Relation To Offender
1998

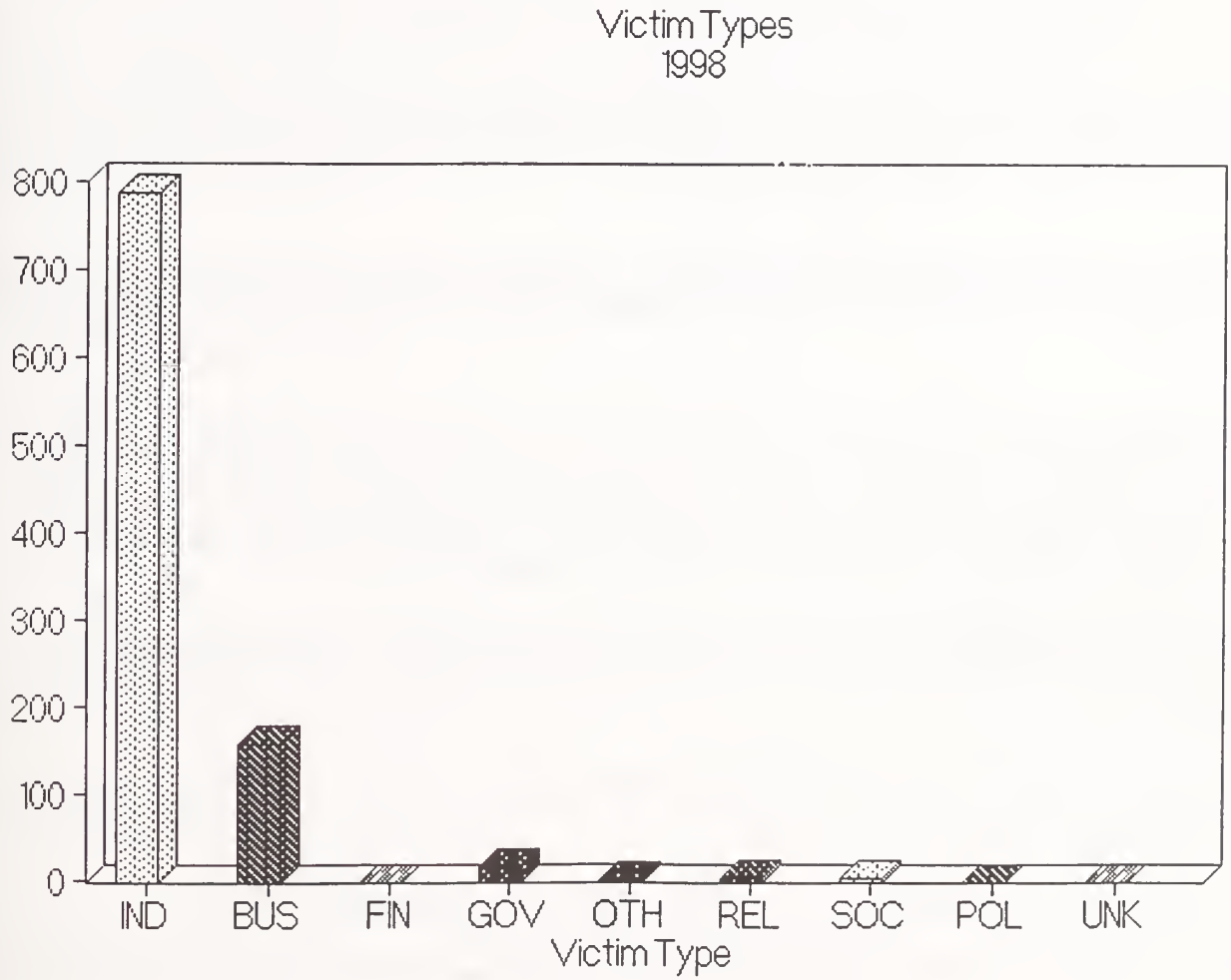


LEGEND:

AQ - ACQUAINTANCE
BE - BABYSITTEE
BG - BOYFRIEND/GIRLFRIEND
CF - CHILD OF BOYFRIEND/GIRLFRIEND
CH - CHILD
CS - COMMON-LAW SPOUSE
ER - EMPLOYER
FR - FRIEND
HR - HOMOSEXUAL RELATIONSHIP
NE - NEIGHBOR
OF - OTHER FAMILY MEMBER
OK - OTHERWISE KNOWN
PA - PARENT
RU - RELATIONSHIP UNKNOWN
SB - SIBLING
SC - STEP-CHILD
SE - SPOUSE
SP - STEP-PARENT
SS - STEP-SIBLING
ST - STRANGER
XS - EX-SPOUSE

PALMER POLICE DEPARTMENT
Victim Types By Month
1998

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTALS
INDIVIDUAL	67	62	53	56	67	52	74	87	51	91	70	56	786
BUSINESS	12	6	12	16	7	11	14	22	11	22	11	17	161
FINANCIAL INSTITUTION	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GOVERNMENT	1	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	4	3	2	3	18
OTHER	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
RELIGOUS ORGANIZATION	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
SOCIETY/PUBLIC	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	4
POLICE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
UNKNOWN	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTALS	81	73	67	72	77	64	88	111	67	116	84	77	977



PALMER COUNCIL ON AGING:
ANNUAL REPORT

The Council on Aging in 1998 provided a broad range of services to Palmer's 60+ population. Of the 2,377 Senior Citizen's, the number of unduplicated elders receiving a direct service from the Council on Aging were 1,541. 50,262 units of service were provided. Those not receiving a direct service were made aware of our programs through the Senior Newsletter. 12 issues were printed, a total of 7,230 were mailed. Total mailing cost was $1561.54. Total received from Seniors for this mailing $1,205.00

There are 478 Veterans over 60, 117 Palmer residents are in area Nursing Homes and there were 110 deaths in 1998.

To care for the physical needs of our 60+ population, Health Screenings, Hearing Screenings, Foot Care and Exercise programs were provided at the Palmer Senior Center. 192 unduplicated individuals took advantage of these programs. 18 Speakers were engaged to discuss health related issues. Medical equipment is also at the Palmer Senior Center to be loaned at no charge as needed. 72 individuals took advantage of this program.

The Council on Aging continues to provide supportive services to homebound elders. 68 unduplicated elders were contacted by phone on a regular basis through the R-U-O-'K program, totaling 4,511 times during 1998. In Home Meals provided 49 frail elders with a hot meal five days a week, totaling 12,650 meals.

Fuel Assistance, Tax Assistance, Transportation, Information and Referrals were also available to the under 60 low income and disabled population. 2,555 units of service was provided to this age group.

A major project continues to be the In and Out of Town Transportation program. In 1998, 150 unduplicated passengers, including 15 passengers under 60 utilized this service. 5,111 trips were taken, totaling 14,505 miles. Total cost to operate this program was $6,425.82 for gas, oil, tires, repairs and extra driver wages. $4,356.50 was contributed to this program through rider donations. The balance was paid by the Senior Citizens Club, Inc.

A congregate meal program was held at the Palmer Senior Center, sponsored through the Greater Springfield Senior Services, Inc. and the Council on Aging. 2328 meals were served throughout 1998.

432 unduplicated individuals took advantage of the activities offered at the Senior Center 8017 times.

7,621 signatures were acquired from the Senior Center daily registration sheets.

9,766 phone calls were taken throughout 1998. 1255 calls were from the under 60 population.

PALMER COUNCIL ON AGING:
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49 individuals were helped though the Free Income Tax program.

235 Seniors attended the Annual Picnic and Christmas Party held at the Amvets Hall in Three Rivers.

GRANT FUNDING

$29,200.00 was awarded to the Palmer Senior Center from the Mobility Assistance Program to purchase a new 8-11 passenger van with chair lift. The Senior Citizens Club will pay the remaining 20% cost of van to ensure they retain ownership at the end of grant period.

$11,964 in Formula Grant moneys was awarded to the Palmer Council on Aging from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs in Boston for an Outreach Service Coordinator position to assess and access the 60+ population to all Federal, State and County Programs they may be entitled to. 1109 unduplicated in-home visits were made during 1998. This grant also funds the Health Program Coordinator position that is responsible for preparing speakers and relevant health seminars.

38 Volunteers continued to assist in various programs and activities. In 1998, a total of 4,537 volunteer hours were donated to the Senior Center. If paid at $5.25 per hour, they contributed $23,819.25 worth of service.

Respectfully submitted,

Jason Menard, Director
Roland Richer, President
Honora McCarthy, treasurer
Genevieve Bates, Secretary
Mary Hubert
Patrick Landers
Francis Riel
Margaret Santaw
Alice Smith
Christine Stockmal

PALMER HOUSING AUTHORITY

1998 ANNUAL REPORT

The Palmer Housing Authority has completed its twenty eighth year in management. We are proud of the Laurel Manor development located on Fletcher Street in Palmer which consists of forty eight one bedroom units for the elderly/handicapped under the State Chapter 667 Program. Rules and regulations are promulgated by the Department of Housing and Community Development, adopted by the Palmer Housing Authority Board of Commissioners and carried out by the authority staff.

The staff consists of two part time workers, an Executive Director for all the day to day office business and a Maintenance Worker to carry out the general maintenance at the development.

Applications are accepted at all times to maintain a waiting list of persons interested in living at Laurel Manor. The waiting period at this time is less than one year. Palmer residents are given a preference.

The Commissioners meet on a monthly basis to conduct the authority business.

There have been many changes in the rules and regulations during this year and we anticipate many more during the year ahead.

Fiscal Year 1998 is considered to be another successful year for the Palmer Housing Authority.

Respectfully submitted,

PALMER HOUSING AUTHORITY

Veronica A. Strzemienski, Chairperson
Ronald W. Lemanski, Vice Chairperson
Richard E. Fontaine, Treasurer
Robert B. Bishop, Assistant Treasurer
Myrtle F. Davis, State Appointee

PALMER HISTORICAL COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

The Palmer Historical Commission's monthly meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month in the Town Administration Building. At these meetings, which are open to the public, topics of historical significance as they pertain to the Town of Palmer are discussed. In addition, donations of historical items pertaining to Palmer are always welcome and are acknowledged.

Donations in 1998 included:

- "The American Singer" book donated by Sandra Nichols.
- Palmer National Bank Daily Ledger Book circa 1900 donated by Ronald Masnicki.
- Thorndike Brownies/Girl Scouts Scrapbook (circa 1960's-1970's) from Frances Nowak.
- Thorndike Grammar School basketball uniform and water bottle from Amanda Nowak.
- Palmer National Bank checks belonging to C. E. Switzer, and bills of lading from Palmer Freight Yard donated by Stephen Nowak.

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Mrs. Adeline Gloster, the town's oldest citizen, and holder of the Boston Post Cane, died on February 4, 1998, at the age of 104. Mr. Leopold Santucci is the present holder of the cane as the oldest male in the Town of Palmer.

The Commission is presently in the process of searching for the oldest female citizen, and reviewing the criteria by which the selection will be made.

Election of officers for 1997/1998 took place at the April 29, 1998 Meeting:

Chairman, Stephen Nowak
Treasurer, Marion Lis
Secretary, Lorraine Novak

Each year on the Sunday before Memorial Day, members of the Palmer Historical Commission join other Historical Commissions in the Quabbin Valley for a parade and Memorial Service at Quabbin Park Cemetery, commemorating the lives of those people who once lived in the four towns now covered by the waters of the Quabbin Reservoir. This year's ceremony was held on May 24, 1998.

The Palmer Historical Commission was represented by members Stephen Nowak, Lorraine Novak, Marion Lis, and Jane Golas, who proudly marched holding the Commission's new banner, designed by Commission Member, Christopher Novak. The grey colored 3' x 5' banner depicts a steam-powered locomotive of the mid-1800's within a black oval. The words "Town of Palmer - Town of Seven Railroads" complete the design.

The Palmer Historical Commission is presently working diligently with the Massachusetts Historical Commission to request the placement of Memorial Hall on Walnut Street on their listing of Historical Buildings. A vote on this project is tentatively scheduled for June, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,

PALMER HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Stephen Nowak
Marion Lis
Lorraine Novak
Jane Golas
Rose Riskalla
Sandra Nichols
Harold Olson
Christopher Novak

THE PALMER ARTS LOTTERY COUNCIL

The Palmer Arts Lottery Council, consisting of five elected members, met twice during 1998.

The Council was awarded $9,116.00 for FY 99 allocation. Total Administration Funds were $133.65.

Applicants awarded funding are as followed:

Mike Abbatangelo	Video Vibe	300.00
Bravo Enterprises, Inc.	Bravo Newspaper	140.00
Converse Brass	Four Free Concerts	1,200.00
Converse Middle School	N. Rockwell Museum	700.00
Converse Middle School	Performance Attend.	400.00
Converse Middle School	Theater Works USA	700.00
Virginia Dixon	Adult QuiltingClass	135.00
J. Douglas	School Performing Artist on the Internet	20.00
Friends of theLibrary	Friends' Cafe Prog.	450.00
Novi Cantori	Choral Concert	450.00
Old Mill Pond School	Celebrate Greece	500.00
Old Mill Pond School	N.E. Science Center	545.00
Old Post Rd. Orchestra	Classical Concert	200.00
Palmer Art Connection	Art Shows	300.00
Palmer Public Library	Family Summer Series	1,825.00
Palmer Downtown Ptnshp	Band Concerts	2,350.00
The Villagers	Concerts	389.00
Total		10,604.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Wright, Co-Chair
Maureen Kontrath, Co-Chair
Donald Duffy
Diane Warnock-Graper
Deborah Queiros

BY-LAW COMMITTEE

THE BY-LAW COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF SEVEN ACTIVE MEMBERS. WE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW AND THE REVISING OF EXISTING BY-LAWS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN. AFTER SEVERAL MEETINGS TO EXAMINE AND CONSIDER ALL OPTIONS, WE THEN SUBMIT THE BY-LAW TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN FOR THEIR APPROVAL. AT SUCH TIME, THE BY-LAW IS SUBMITTED FOR A VOTE AT THE NEXT TOWN MEETING.

IN THE PAST, WE HAVE REVIEWED SEVERAL BY-LAWS WHICH INCLUDE PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, KEG TAGGING, VEHICLE IDLING, SALT USAGE, TAG SALES & FLEA MARKETS, "POOPER SCOOPERS" & FINE INCREASE, BY-LAW 207-47 (2). A GREAT DEAL OF TIME AND EFFORT HAS BEEN TAKEN TO RESPOND TO VARIOUS COMPLAINTS GIVEN TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS. NOT ALL OF THE BY-LAWS THAT WE HAVE SUBMITTED FOR A VOTE HAVE PASSED, BUT WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT WE PUT OUR BEST EFFORTS TO WORK.

THIS PAST YEAR WE DID NOT HAVE TOO MUCH ACTIVITY BUT WE DID HAVE A SUCCESSFUL BY-LAW PASSED. THE "PAWNBROKERS" BY-LAW CONSISTS OF FOURTEEN SECTIONS AND PASSED IN FEBRUARY OF 1998.

WE LOOK FORWARD ASSISTING THE SELECTMEN IN THE COMING YEAR AND WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO ANY DEPARTMENT OR ENTITY FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE THIS PAST YEAR.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

WARREN THOMPSON	CHAIRMAN
ROBERT P FRYDRYK	VICE-CHAIRMAN
CHARLANN GRISWOLD	SECRETARY
CHARLES KSIENIEWICZ	
BEVERLY LUND	
PHILIP SAMPSON	
RICHARD ROLLETT	

REPORT OF THE PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Expansion of services, technology, collections and programming highlighted a very successful year at the Palmer Public Library. A new program, celebrating National Library Week, was undertaken in cooperation with the Palmer Public Schools, Palmer Senior Center and many local businesses. Thousands of Palmer school children, parents and residents attended and participated in a week of programming intended to demonstrate the importance of reading.

Also in 1998, the Board of Library Trustees formally launched an initiative to ascertain the extent of the overcrowded situation at the Library. The following information has been abstracted from a Preliminary Building Assessment Project submitted as a grant proposal to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Evaluating the current conditions of the Library building is the first step on the path to addressing serious space considerations. It is our hope that the following information informs the reader as to the current space issues at the Palmer Public Library.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT:

The infrastructure and furnishings of the Palmer Public Library building are in excellent condition due to a four-year program of addressing both interior and exterior needs.

Exterior improvements include:
New roofs / doors / windows / lighting / HVAC / masonry repairs / gutters and downspouts / electrical upgrades / landscaping
Interior Improvements include:
Painting of all areas / new flooring in basement, Community Room, Kitchen and other areas / new carpeting / new furniture / circulation desk.

The primary deficiency in the building is a lack of space for materials, technology, and space for patrons and staff.

A look at a few figures generated by comparing existing conditions at the Library with established public library space needs guidelines (Wisconsin Dept. of Public Instruction, *Public Library Space Needs: A Planning Outline / 1998* validates the statement made above.

The Palmer Public Library has: (all figures are rounded off to nearest hundred)

Town Population of - 12,500
58,000 - Books
6500 - Non-print materials
5100 - Periodicals

The Main Area of the Library which houses the collection (with the exception of Local History books and stack periodicals) also houses all patron tables and chairs, PACs, Internet terminals,

word processors, typewriter, photocopier and video display spinners. **The total sq.ft. in this area is 5,384.**

According the *Wisconsin Plan* the Library's:

21 PAC's, Internet and word processors require	**1,050 sq. ft.**
46 Reader seats require	**1, 380 sq. ft.**
11 Display spinners require	**462 sq. ft.**
1 Public typewriter requires	**35 sq. ft.**
1 Photocopying machine requires	**52 sq. ft.**
58,000 Books require	**5,800 sq. ft.**
6500 Non Print materials require	**650 sq. ft.**
Periodical Display for 147 titles require	**147 sq. ft.**
TOTAL	**9,576 sq. ft.**

of sq. ft. deficient in the Main Area is 4,192 or 77% !

This information serves to explain:

- Why despite constant weeding, shelves are crammed top to bottom and left to right.
- Why despite needing all the shelving we could get our hands on, we had to remove 150 shelves containing 4,500 books to make space for technology.
- Why our computer workstations have less than 18 sq.ft of allocated space and not the 50 sq. ft. recommended.
- Why even though we added 32 seats during the 96-97 renovations we are still 38 seats below the standard. Also explains why seats, like the computer workstations lack "personal" space.

OTHER AREAS:

Staff Work Room:	**Actual space -**	**810 sq. ft.**
11 Employees	**Recommended -**	**1,650 sq. ft.**
Periodical Stacks	**Actual -**	**84 sq. ft.**
	Recommended -	**220 sq. ft.**

Community Meeting Room - Good news here. With **1,632 sq.ft.**, this area has served the Library and the community well, over the years. This area is used by over 50 organizations with over 10,000 "visits" annually. On occasion, attendance has overflowed. But for the most part this area works well.

Storage - There is very little storage area on the main floor of the Library. What space is available is used for office and other library materials supplies.

Literacy Center - A very active literacy organization makes good use of the Library's **2,226 sq. ft.** basement. However, there is no elevator service to this area. The clients who can not negotiate the stairs often meet with their tutors in the main area of the Library. This situation is less than ideal as quiet spaces are non-existent and confidentiality can not always be assured.

"Nonassignable Space" - As defined by the *Wisconsin Plan*, "nonassignable space is that portion of a building's floor space that can not be applied or assigned directly to library services". Janitor's closets, storage rooms, rest rooms, etc. This type of space generally comprises about 20 to 25 percent of the gross square footage of the building. Interestingly, the nonassignable space for our Library was exactly 25%. (It might have been higher if we had more storage.) The fact that we do not exceed the general standard is an indication that there is not any "wasted" area that might be claimed for library services.

SERVICE LIMITING FACTORS:

A total lack of quiet space in which to study is the number one problem at the Library as identified by staff and patrons. It is a fact in Palmer, that if you need to really concentrate on class work, reading, etc. DON'T go to the Library. For example, we rarely see students from Palmer's very busy satellite community college program. This is troubling, AND disappointing because we have worked hard to build relationships with area schools.

An absence of smaller meeting rooms is also a major problem. Presently, anyone wishing to conduct a meeting or gathering at the Library must use the 150 person capacity Community Room. Too many times we have had to turn a group away because of scheduling conflicts. Too often the group turned away was a much larger one than the one using the room. We need to stop using a 1,632 sq. ft. room as a meeting place for six people. This is an inefficient use of space, resources and money.

The problem outlined above occurs each and every week with storyhour programming. We do not need to use such a large room for this purpose. A smaller, more efficient to operate, storyhour room is the answer. And, if we had a smaller meeting room or two, we could provide special programming for the Moms, Dads, Grandparents, daycare providers, etc., during the time the kids are in storyhour.

While we have invested a great deal in technology, lack of space does not allow us to maximize its full potential. Workstations are crammed into a sq. ft. area that is 66% less than the established standards. Patrons who might like some assistance from staff when using the Internet, have expressed their reluctance to ask for it because they feel they would be disturbing their neighbors. This crowded situation precludes us from even considering offering technology courses. (We do offer morning Internet programs to Seniors by letting them in the building an hour before we open to the public.)

Another missed opportunity we have due to lack of space is with the local history collection. We know that there is considerable interest in this subject, and that given adequate space we could build this collection. If we had adequate space we could offer or co-sponsor related programming. Also there are some terrific new software product for genealogy - but where would we put the workstation?

Many other building deficiencies and plans for improvement have been documented in the Library's Long Range Plan written in 1995. A copy is available at the Library for viewing.

USAGE TRENDS:

	1993	1998
Circulation	**154,950**	**201,398**
Library Card holders	**13,472**	**18,023**

Internet Access - In 1996 we installed six Internet workstations; we soon expanded to eight, and recently added another four. We are averaging between **950** and **1,000** patrons using this service per month.

For the Board of Library Trustees:

Mark J. Contois
Library Director

PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY

OPERATING BUDGET
July 1, 1997 - June 30, 1998

RECEIPTS

Balance July 1, 1997	$0.00	
Town Appropriation	476,431.00	
Endowment Income	7,163.60	
Lost or damaged books, Donations	4,451.00	
Bank Interest	566.91	
		$488,612.51

EXPENDITURES

Salaries	299,460.96	
Library Collection	78,578.25	
Operations	69,363.67	
Automation	18,500.00	
Supplies	8,767.47	
Bookmobile	2,416.27	
Equipment	11,525.89	
		$488,612.51



REPORT OF THE LICENSE COMMISSION

The following is a summary of the licenses and fees collected for the 1998 calendar year:

All alcoholic beverage license

Innholder $600.00	2
Club $500.00	5
Retail package store $500.00	4
Seasonal	1
Restaurant $600.00	10

Wine & Malt Beverage License

Retail package store $400.00	2
Restaurant $500.00	6

The Comissioners approved Sunday openings for package stores during the holiday season and a fee of $25.00 was charged by the Town for the privilage.

The License Commission collected fees amounting to $15,710.00 which were turned over to the Treasurer for deposit into the general fund.

Leon Wlodyka, Chairman
Dennis Gaudreau, Vice Chairman
John R. Mastalerz, Clerk

PALMER FINANCE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

The members of the Finance Committee would like to honor the memory of Dr. Leo Santucci who passed away last year after more than one-half century of service to the Town of Palmer. In last year's report, I noted his resignation from the committee after many years of diligent and thoughtful service. Leo was a valuable member of the finance committee whose contribution and friendship have been missed. The Town of Palmer is poorer for having lost this conscientious caring citizen.

The current members of the Finance Committee are:

George Backus	Barbara Barry	Paul Burns	Paul Fuller
Cynthia Heffernan	James Pasquill	Curtis Reeser	Christine Regan
Richard Zina			

The addition of Barbara Barry and Cynthia Heffernan this year has greatly helped with the Committee's work. They have brought some new ideas for us to use in addressing budget preparation as well as different viewpoints on the matters that come before the Committee. As has been noted in the past, the Committee's responsibilities include making recommendations on the town budget and managing the town's emergency funds for unforeseen expenditures. The duties also include making suggestions for better handling the town's accounts, organizing the budget, and changes to town government which would have an impact on town finances. This year the Committee has recommended revolving accounts in areas where funds, generated by fees, have to flow in and out of an account to pay the person generating the fees. This has eliminated the need to make emergency fund transfers and reduced the time required for people to get paid for the work done to generate the fees. In addition, the format for considering department budgets was changed this year. A full day of hearings was scheduled for the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen to listen to budget presentations by the department heads. This suggestion by Barbara Barry streamlined the budget hearing process considerably. The Committee has also taken responsibility for planning for capital expenditures. The capital requests for all departments were submitted and considered all at once with prioritization of the requests to arrive at a budget figure determined to be within the town' ability to pay. The postponement of capital expenditures has continued for a long time. The Committee hopes that the Fiscal 2000 budget will help to catch up on some needed purchases.

In November 1998 the 1999 budget was balanced without making any cuts to the previously approved budget. This was possible due to increased State funding and a higher levy limit. Additional spending was also possible because of the increased levy limit.

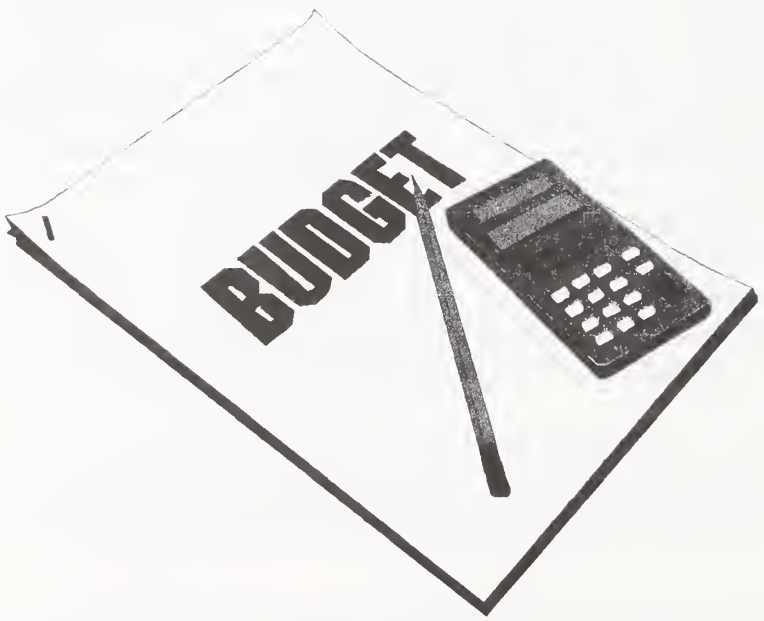
The fiscal outlook for the FY2000 budget is very good. The current town free cash figure is $1,989,300. This results from increased State funding, fiscal restraint on the part of town departments, and increased local receipts. The strong economy and local growth ~~are the~~ major factors for the increase in funds. The recommendation for the FY2000 budget reflects the town's current cash position and the economy. A considerably larger sum of money has been committed to capital purchases. Your Finance Committee does recommend fiscal restraint as we look to the future. There is

a $9 to $13 million sewer project required by the Federal government that must be done over the next few years. There is also a need to address space issues at the town administration building, particularly for the police department. In addition, the net-school spending figures for the Palmer Public schools and Pathfinder have increased for FY2000. It is not yet known how much of this increase will be covered by additional state reimbursements. Also, the current Education Reform Act mandate for funding ends after this fiscal year, and it is unclear how funding will be managed in the future. The Committee recommends that additional funds be put into the town's stabilization account and that consideration be given to buy down debt if possible, or to avoid additional debt by paying for capital expenditures out of available cash.

In conclusion, I would like to personally thank all of the Committee members for their hard work, the department heads for their cooperation, and the citizens who attend town meetings for their interest in seeing that town government works and is responsive to the taxpayer. If you are not among those citizens being thanked, I urge you to get involved. The Finance Committee needs more members, and too few people at town meetings make decisions for the whole town.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Palmer Finance Committee

James M. Pasquill, Chairman



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

1998 Annual Report

During 1998 The Palmer Community Development Department completed adminsitration of the:

- $595,000 FFY95 Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant (MCDBG), which included:
  - rehabilitating 20 residential units in the N. Main Street neighborhood
  - facade and sign improvements for four downtown Palmer buildings
  - day care subsidies for 24 Palmer children

- $400,000 FFY95 MCDBG-Downtown Revitalization Program (DRP) grant, which included:
  - development of a 120 space parking area behind the stores on the south side of Main Street in downtown Palmer
  - organizational funds for the Palmer Downtown Partnership, Inc.

During 1998 The Palmer Community Development Department continued its administration of the:

- $400,000 FFY95 Community Development Action Grant for the redevelopment of the Holbrook site, which included:
  - site acquisition by the Palmer Redevelopment Authority
  - development of parking to the rear of the site
  - sidewalk/streetscape improvements

- $250,000 FFY96 MCDBG grant, which included:
  - Phase I. of the Downtown Palmer Streetscape Improvements Program (new sidewalks & pavers, street trees, decorative street lights, benches) at the Main St./Thorndike St. intersection

- $74,000 FFY96 MCDBG-DRP grant, which included:
  - additional organizational funds for the Palmer Downtown Partnership, Inc.

- $490,000 FFY96 MCDBG-Ready Resource Fund grant for the Quaboag Valley Business Assistance Program, which included:
  - loans to small businesses
  - training and workshops for small business owners

- $1.8 Million FFY97-FFY99 MCDBG 3-Year grant, which included:
  - Phases II., III. and IV. of the Downtown Palmer

Streetscape Improvements Program (new sidewalks & pavers, street trees, decorative street lights, benches) on Main Street from Foundry Street to Central Street.
- improving the facades and signs of an additional seven downtown Palmer buildings
- rehabilitating an additional twenty residential units in the North Main Street neighborhood

The Department continues to assist the:

o Palmer Downtown Partnership, Inc. (PDP) in administering its programs:
  - Downtown Farmer's Market
  - free Summer Concert-In-The-Park series
  - 3rd Annual Fall Family Festival/Taste of Palmer
  - Downtown Christmas Holiday programs:
    . lighting and decorations
    . free downtown hayrides
    . the Children's Christmas Party
    . the Santa Shuttle Train between Downtown Palmer and Three Rivers.

o Palmer Redevelopment Authority in:
  - seeking a "Preferred Developer" for the redevelopment of the Holbrook site
  - expanding the job and tax base in Palmer.

o Palmer Planning Board in:
  - a comprehensive revision of its Zoning By-Laws and Map

The Palmer Community Development Department is overseen by a Community Development Advisory Committee comprised of:

Frank Real, Chairman
William Byrnes
Mike Marciniec
Gladys Stockwell
Veronica Strzemienski

Respectfully submitted by Lawrence B. Smith,
Palmer Community Development Director.

PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

As Palmer approaches the new century, it faces a critical shortage of industrial zoned land just to maintain the needs of industries already located in Town that need land for expansion. If land is not provided for them, the Town will lose not only the real estate taxes generated by them, but the jobs as well.

To that end, the Palmer Redevelopment Authority (PRA), in conjunction with the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board, will be proposing several sites for industrial zoning for town meeting action early in 1999. These tracts of land have been evaluated based on location, proximity to utilities (water and sewer(, highway and railroad access.

The PRA is also working with the Town's representatives to the General Court, State Representative patrick Landers, State Senator Stephen Brewer and the Town of Ware's Community Development Department, for the joint development of an industrial park that contains land in both communities.

In 1998, the PRA published a brochure entitled, *Why Not Palmer?*, a guide to the advantages of locating business and industry in Palmer. it is available through the PRA and the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce.

The challenges of the 21st Century for the continued industrial development of Palmer are great. In order to meet our industrial land needs for the next half century, action will need to be taken now. We will need the ideas, help and support of all the Town's citizens.

Frank G. Real, Jr. Margaret Higgins Thomas Haley Raymond Remillard
Blake Lamothe

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PALMER SAFETY COMMITTEE

This Committee held two regular meetings in 1998 which were focused mainly on addressing the issue of street lighting throughout the Town. The Committee hopes to fully complete the surveys by the end of January, 1999. Over the following six to eight months Mass. Electric should complete the installation of additional street lights.

Through the efforts of the Selectmen's Office and Highway Superintendent, Philip Sampson, the Town has received approval by the Mass. Highway Dept. Project Review Committee for the reconstruction and erection of traffic control signals at Springfield & Bridge Sts. (Chudy's Corner) in Three Rivers. This project has been submitted for Federal Aid STP funding. If those funds become available, the project will be undertaken by the Town.

Ronald P. Masnicki, Chairman
John Dyl
Fire Chief William Drawec
Highway Super., Philip Sampson
Robert Graveline, Sec./Cons.
William Bothillier
Police Chief Robert Frydryk
Patrick F. Landers, Jr.
Safety Officer, Kenneth White
Howard Case
Fire Chief Alan Roy
Fire Chief John Sullivan
Richard Kaczmarczyk, Park Super.

ANNUAL REPORT OF CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR AND ADVISORY MEMBER OF ENDELSON PROPERTY-SMOKESTACK COMMITTEE

I attended three meetings of the Smokestack Committee as an Advisory Member and the situation has changed due to the various problems with everything being in order to demolish the smokestack. Chairman Steven J. Williams, DPW Director of Belchertown, claims this committee is doing everything possible for the smokestack to come down safely and properly. At the latest report, if the DEP removes the piles of asbestos-laden material, we may be able to proceed. Monies will be need for this project and none has been appropriated as of yet.

As your Civil Defense Director, I have attended a number of CD meetings and the Hurricane Awareness Conference/Workshop on September 17, 1998 at the Sovereign Hotel in West Springfield. Our titles are now referred to as an Emergency Manager more so than Civil Defense Director. Regretfully, I could not attend the MEMA Public Safety Fair on September 26, 1998 at the headquarters in Framingham, MA.

The Selectmen have approved the formation of an Emergency Management Plan Committee of which Charlann Griswold is the Chairperson. She is also the Assistant Civil Defense Director and is of great assistance to me. The American Red Cross is having a series of monthly meetings in Springfield at their headquarters and have invited us to attend these meetings. These meetings will update town and shelter agreements, make some changes if needed and also will set up Mass Care Shelter Drill training with communities.

We are looking forward to a more active year as we approach Y2K.

Respectfully submitted

Peter E. Pappas
Civil Defense Director



RAILS TO TRAILS COMMITTEE

The Rails to Trails Committee has only met sporadically since its appointment in 1996. We had been greatly anticipating the proposed Rail Trail in Belchertown that was to run to the Bondsville line and had hoped to connect to that trail and continue the trail to the Town of Ware. The Town of Belchertown voted down the proposal and the Belchertown Board of Selectmen signed the easements back over to the property owners along the proposed route. The way this has played out has forced our committee to re-focus our efforts for construction of a trail in this town.

Currently our efforts have been largely focused on land that was generously donated to the Town by the Sasur family. We are now investigating the possibility of constructing a trail that would begin in the Village of Thorndike and continue to the Red Bridge Area in Ludlow. Our main efforts now are centered on obtaining access and parking areas for this property and we have been working diligently with abutting landowners on this process.

The new year will bring increased efforts to obtain access to this scenic parcel and work on plans for trail construction. We also plan to contact the Department of Environmental Management for possible assistance and for possible permission to use a portion of their property for the trail proposal. Although stagnant in past years, we plan to become more active and would appreciate any interested parties joining us in our efforts.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Johnson
Chairman



PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT 1998
25TH ANNIVERSARY

The Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District Committee presents this report to the citizens of the District. All incumbent members of the committee continued their service in 1998. However, the Pathfinder community was saddened by the passing of long-time member Ford Ray, of Ware, in February. A joint meeting of the Board of Selectmen and the Ware School Committee selected Barbara Ray to complete his term through November, at which time she was elected to a four-year term.

With the addition of the town of Hardwick, Harry Comerford was appointed to the committee through November when he, too, was elected to a full term. Two members of the committee—Michael Cavanaugh and Michael Roncolato—were re-elected, and at the subsequent reorganization meeting were re-elected as chairman and vice-chairman, respectively. Barbara Beaulieu was selected to continue as secretary. Robert Thayer served as the student member through June and was succeeded by Amber Paul.

Pathfinder's School Council—consisting of three parents, two teachers, two students, a community member, and a college representative and chaired by David LaPierre—identified the following areas of focus for the year:

- Review of MCAS results and related data in order to evaluate the effectiveness of current curriculum offerings and their alignment with state frameworks
- Continued study of alternative scheduling patterns in order to provide the students with the most effective learning environment
- Review of the current grading system, including shop hour completion, attendance, special education criteria, and graduation standards
- Development of a school security plan
- Implementation of 25th anniversary activities

CURRICULUM

Superintendent Gerald Paist and Assistant Superintendent David LaPierre identified a number of curriculum initiatives undertaken during the year.

- The recently implemented Health Occupations Program received full approval from the Massachusetts Department of Education and the Department of Health.
- New Smart Cam I & II manufacturing software and supporting curriculum was added to the Manufacturing Technology and Drafting Programs.
- The Curriculum Committee oversaw the development of a World History course in order to better align our curriculum with the state frameworks.
- The Auto Body and Collision Technology Program prepared for its initial NATEF evaluation scheduled to take place by the end of the 1998-99 school year, and the Automotive Technology Program similarly prepared for its five-year review.

Pathfinder was honored by its Number One ranking in technology among schools in western Massachusetts by the Department of Education, and the school committee is committed to maintaining a leadership role in this important area. Much credit is due town officials in our member communities for their support of a two-year phase- in of our technology plan. The expansion of internet access continues to be a priority in that plan. Currently all six computer labs, the library, academic classrooms in the original building, and the following shops are internet ready: culinary arts, machine, drafting, automotive, and electrical.

Upgraded administrative software has been installed, and this feature will provide classroom teachers with the capability to enter attendance, class grades, and progress reports, and to utilize intra-school e-mail.

Outside and off-campus projects continued to comprise a major portion of the curriculum for upper class students in a number of technical areas. Engaging in another joint venture with the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce, the construction cluster of shops completed an expanded Cape house on Route 181 in Belchertown. The proceeds from the sale of this house comprised a fund raiser for the Chamber and provided Pathfinder students with practical experience and invaluable community exposure. In the fall, work began on another house for a local family in Palmer. The unique floor plan and Lambeam construction will provide the students with high quality learning experiences. The project will include students in carpentry, heating/ventilation/air conditioning, and electrical.

A random sample of other community- based experiences includes the following:

- Carpentry, electrical, and HVAC students continued the remodeling effort at the Palmer Fire Department.
- Carpentry and electrical students completed a garage and addition in Monson.

- Carpentry students built two large decks, two handicapped ramps, and a playhouse for a day school center.
- HVAC students installed or upgraded three hot water systems and three hot air systems in local residences.
- Horticulture students maintained the grounds at the Palmer District Court.
- Automotive Reconditioning students serviced Palmer police cruisers.
- Electrical students completed service upgrades, an underground service installation, and various electrical repairs for local residents as well as repairs and upgrades for local cemetery commissions and parks departments.

The Cooperative Education Program experienced its strongest growth since its beginning, increasing more than 160% over the previous year. Fifty-eight students representing 12 technical areas participated in this program of alternating periods of paid employment and classroom instruction. The greatest number of students were employed in horticulture, manufacturing technology, and heating/ventilation/air conditioning.

Several new employers joined the program, and many of them retained their students as permanent employees. The program also accommodated several requests for part-time positions in retail sales, automotive repair, food service, and landscaping firms.

Toward the end of 1998, Pathfinder—along with all schools in the Commonwealth—received the scores from the MCAS tests administered to 10th grade students in May. The results were disappointing, yet they mirrored the general trend in all technical high schools. The only conclusion that could be drawn, however, was that the preparation given Pathfinder students in their sending schools, together with their brief time at Pathfinder, fell far short of the standard prescribed by the state Board of Education. Much work needs to be done, and the staff has already begun taking measures to address strategies for improvement in future years. The school was among the first to be awarded a grant of $19,000 to begin such efforts.

STUDENT BODY

Pathfinder's October 1st enrollment included 660 students, including the following numbers from member towns: Belchertown 94; Granby 37; Monson 101; New Braintree 14; Palmer 122; and Ware 99. The newest member town—Hardwick—accounted for an additional 21. The remaining 173 represented out-of-district communities.

By the opening of school in September, 375 applications for admission had been received. Pathfinder once again offered a number of opportunities for

area youth to learn about and see the school. Staff held an Open House, a Meet-the-Staff Night, and hosted the annual Chamber of Commerce Business Exposition. The Summer Career/Sports Camp and the Afternoon Exploratory Program for 7th and 8th grade students continued to attract record numbers of participants.

Director of Guidance Mark Condon reported that, of the applications received for the 1998-99 school year, 325 were for the 175 available 9th grade openings. Transfer opportunities into the 10th and 11th grades were limited, indicating that the opportunity to experience a technical education at Pathfinder is most secure when initiated at the 9th grade level. For the fourth consecutive year, a waiting list was necessary in grades 9, 10, and 11 due in part to the large number of applications and to the size of the previous classes.

The Pathfinder Chapter of the National Vocational Technical Honor Society inducted several new members at an impressive ceremony in May. The Chapter continued the practice of inviting Renaissance Students who were award winners, and who demonstrated potential for eventual induction into the Society, as guests. The speaker for this year's ceremony was 1984 graduate James Vaill, who completed the ornamental horticulture program, then continued on for his Bachelor's degree in accounting and a career with Coopers and Lybrand.

Pathfinder's selection to represent the school at the Annual Vocational Student Awards Program sponsored by the Massachusetts Vocational Association and the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators was Sarah Genereux, of Belchertown, a student in the Computer Assisted Drafting Program. Sarah earned a 3.6 g.p.a., was a member of the National Vocational-Technical Honor Society for two years, and competed in varsity soccer and softball.

At the Academic Awards Program held in May, Elizabeth Gendron, of Monson, received the award for the highest academic achievement for a senior. In keeping with what has become a tradition, Rusty Yonika, of South Hadley, was presented with a restored automobile as the top-ranked Renaissance student. Peter Gaj, of Granby, received the Renaissance award for his commitment, school spirit, and dedicated service to the school.

In June 1998, the graduating class of 110 seniors received diplomas and technical certificates at commencement exercises. Approximately 75% of the graduates were working or had plans to continue their education at the post-secondary level. Articulation agreements with local colleges continued to have a positive impact on Pathfinder seniors, encouraging them to continue their education with advanced credit. Interest in four-year colleges also continues to

rise among our students.

The Scholarship Committee awarded approximately $20,000 in scholarships to members of the Class of 1998. Local and state organizations continue to recognize the ability and potential of Pathfinder graduates, and the school committee is grateful for this expression of support. The committee is especially proud of the number of awards that have been made to honor the memory of former Pathfinder students and friends.

STUDENT AFFAIRS AND ATHLETICS

Pathfinder's Student Council continued their on-going efforts toward building and improving student morale as well as service within the community. Prior to the winter months, they coordinated a "coat drive" which collected coats for distribution to the needy. In addition, they sponsored the annual Thanksgiving food drive, providing 28 area families with meals for the holiday.

Recognizing the positive impact that successful athletic programs have on school morale and the school's image, the school committee is pleased to report the progress that has been made in this area.

Director of Athletics Donald Irzyk reported the following noteworthy items in the 1998 athletic seasons:

- The varsity baseball team posted its best regular season in history, earning a second place finish and a berth in the Western Massachusetts Tournament.
- The golf team—in only its third season—posted its best record yet, with Jason Norton qualifying for the Western Massachusetts Tournament.
- The girls' soccer team finished in third place and also qualified for the Western Massachusetts Tournament.
- The football team had its first winning season in their brief history, finishing 4-3 in the Intercounty League South. Four players were elected to the All League Team.
- Jeff Roy and Peter Gaj were first-team, Division III, All Western Massachusetts selections for baseball in the Sunday Republican.
- Peter Gaj and Melissa Befford were named Outstanding Senior Athletes at the annual awards program.
- Pathfinder students' participation in athletics continued to grow, with over 150 students competing on various teams.

SPECIAL SERVICES

The Special Education Department continued to provide academic and vocational instruction to approximately 237 eligible students in grades 9-12, including students attending the Modified Vocational Instruction Program (MVIP). Approximately 225 TEAM meetings were held throughout the year for the purpose of evaluation, annual reviews, diagnostic reviews, and re-evaluations.

Speech and language services were provided to 55 students of varying academic abilities. Speech and language therapy is provided on a 1:1 basis in small groups and on a monitoring basis.

The school adjustment counselor maintained a case load of more than 80 students. She works with students on a one-to-one basis and deals with such topics as depression, self-control, peer interaction, substance abuse, home, school, community, and legal problems. The goal of this service is to maintain the student within the regular classroom setting and the school.

A certified occupational therapist provided those services on an individual or small group basis to students with sensory motor deficits which interfere with the acquisition of self care or vocational tasks. This particular staff member—also certified in physical education—made modifications to the curriculum to include fitness programs incorporating new aerobic exercise equipment. The school was pleased that students from the adapted physical education program participated in athletic competition in track and field at the local and state levels.

The Special Education Department continued to operate an Afternoon Drop-out Prevention Program through the utilization of P.L. 94-142 funds along with other sources of support. The purpose of this afternoon program was to give high school age students who demonstrate difficulty in handling a full day program in their high school an opportunity to receive hands-on vocational training. After attending this program, a student should be able to return to his or her own high school, with an expectation of greater success.

The Director of Special Education reported closure on issues identified in the Coordinated Program Review carried out during 1997 by staff from the Massachusetts Department of Education. The review team commended Pathfinder on nine program areas they found to have a significant and positive impact on the delivery of services to special needs students, including the high degree of professionalism displayed by staff, class size, and the array of services available during the school year and summer months.

The major item which required remedial action was the installation of explosion proof lighting in the auto body shop preparation deck. This measure enabled Pathfinder to be in total compliance with the Department's identified criteria.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

Utilizing the Department of Education's Unified Request for Proposals, Pathfinder submitted and received grants for the following programs and/or purposes:

Fund Code	Program Name	Allocation
240	IDEA Special Education	$104,085
	These funds were used to support an Alternative Drop-out Program, provide in-service training, professional development and supplies for the shop and academic classrooms.	
302	Title IV	$3,348
	This program provides funds to the school library to continue membership in the Newsbank Computer Series	
303	Eisenhower Math and Science	$2,346
	These monies support professional development for math and science teachers.	
331	Safe and Drug Free Schools	$2979
	Funds provide two mentors who wok with student groups and also organize relevant activities for local elementary school students. A small amount is reserved for professional develop-ment.	
400	Carl Perkins Vocational Education	$78,363
	Perkins funds support a full-time School-to-Work Coordinator as well as professional development programs and activities. These monies also provide supplies for those shops designated as having the largest percentage of special populations.	
504	Curriculum Study Groups	$3,000
	This grant provides a limited amount of funding for study groups to review and revise curriculum in light of the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks.	

346/349 Health Protection Allocation $13,441

These monies provide outside counseling for specialized groups, primarily emphasizing the elimination of the use of tobacco.

305 Title I $11,835

This limited amount of funding provides support for a part-time teacher aide who assists in the reading lab. It also provides a small stipend for the reading instructor who oversees the lab.

Department of Youth Services $7,328

This program is coordinated with Pathfinder's Afternoon Program. Students under DYS custody attend Pathfinder during the afternoon for vocational training.

Summer DYS Component $8,802

Summer Youth $40,686

These funds provided paid employment and academic enhancement for 28 students for 6 weeks during July and August.

TOTAL $276,031

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

The school committee wishes to give recognition to the following special programs and activities which took place during the year.

In cooperation with the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce and area school systems, Pathfinder continued to play a leadership role in the implementation of the federal School-to-Work Opportunities Act. Among the activities sponsored by this program were:

- Teacher/mentor training at business worksites
- Improvement in curriculum to better meet the needs of area businesses
- Job shadowing and internships for students in grades 9-12
- Implementation of a college/career search program (Expan)
- Career interest and exploratory program for 225 seventh grade students.

Pathfinder conducted its Career/Sports Camp again during the summer months. More than 100 youngsters between the ages of 9 and 13 attended one of two two-week sessions, each of which lasted for 5 days. Those areas offered

were: carpentry, cosmetology, computers, computer assisted drafting, food services, and electronics. Career instruction took place in the morning followed by sporting events: volleyball, soccer, basketball, and archery. The last hour of each day was spent in the pool at Palmer High School.

One hundred seventy-five youngsters took part in Pathfinder's Afternoon Youth Program during the school year. The program operated one day each week and included six career areas: carpentry, cosmetology, computers, CAD, culinary arts, horticulture, and electronics, as well as Fun With Math and Science. The classes ran for eight weeks for two hours each day. Parent and student satisfaction with this program has been extraordinary, and it has served as an excellent introduction to the school and its environment.

Pathfinder once again received a grant from the Regional Employment Board to offer a Summer Youth Employment and Enrichment Program. Twenty-eight youths from Hampden County were placed at various non-profit job sites for the morning, then returned to the school for academic and vocational enrichment. The program was commended for its 100% completion record, and several participants were offered employment at the program's end.

The evening school offered two sessions, once again featuring computer-related courses. More aggressive advertising is planned for the future in an effort to draw more participants to the technical offerings.

One hundred thirty six students from 12 different area schools took advantage of the 1998 Summer School Program. Twelve academic courses and the related workshop were offered. Methods of instruction featured hands-on activities whenever possible and included attempts to modify the poor work habits of students and to provide them with strategies to become more successful in the upcoming school year.

FACULTY AND STAFF

Currently the staff includes 37 vocational and related teachers, 17 professionals in special education, 23 academic teachers, and 9 teacher aides. Two members of the special education department resigned for opportunities in neighboring communities. Three staff members in special education, English, and computer concepts, respectively, were granted leaves of absence. A second intructor was added to the health occupations program and a third to the manufacturing technology program. Five administrators - three of whom have been with the school for over 20 years - oversee their respective areas of the school program.

Superintendent Gerald L. Paist continued to serve on the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Association of Vocational Administrators and was

named president of the National Council of Local Administrators at the annual convention of the American Vocational Association. He also completed his second and final term as a member of the Quaboag Valley Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He and Assistant Superintendent-Director David LaPierre served on numerous state-wide committees and task forces through their professional associations, and both have served on the Graduate and Continuing Studies faculty at Westfield State College. Dr. Paist also continued service as one of the three secondary members of the Commission on Technical and Career Institutions of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. He also serves as chairman of the Professional and Legal Services Committee of the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents.

In the October issue of **TECHNIQUES**, the monthly journal of the American Vocational Association, Dr. Paist and Pathfinder were featured in an article written to illustrate the challenges and rewards of administering a secondary technical high school program in the late 1990's, Subjects were chosen for this issue as a result of their leadership roles in technical education on the state and national levels.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

The School Committee adopted a FY99 gross budget of $7,439,237. Of this amount, $6,565,469 was for foundation purposes. The District expected to receive $1,955647 in Chapter 70 funds, $226,545 in regional school transportation reimbursement, $346,794 in school building assistance, leaving a remainder of $3,189479 to be raised through assessments to the member communities and non-resident tuition income.

Once again, the Committee adopted a budget in excess of the minimum contribution required from each of the member communities. These additional costs resulted primarily from the MVIP Program as well as from the second-year portion of the school's technology plan. The School Committee was pleased to have the support of all six town meetings in initially approving the FY99 budget.

Although the amount has been steadily diminishing, the Committee once again faced the issue of "excess debt." For FY99, the district-wide impact was $104,411. The budget which was finally adopted enabled each of the six towns to reduce their costs by their share of that debt. .The Committee continues to believe that this provision of the Education Reform Law is fundamentally unfair and will press local legislators to at least soften the impact in future years.

The final Chapter 70 distribution and notification of minimum spending requirements received in July resulted in only minor adjustments for each member community, final assessment for which are listed below:

PATHFINDER REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS 1998-99

TOWN	MINIMUM CONTRIBU -TION	SHARE MVIP PROGRAM	SHARE OF HAMPDEN CO.	SHARE OF TECH (1 YR)	TRANSPOR- TATION	FIXED ASSET	CAPITAL ASSESS- MENT	TOTAL
BELCHER -TOWN	420136	37561	6269	19355	25193	320	42514	551347
GRANBY	263436	37561	2494	7701	10024	127	17272	338615
MONSON	646077	18781	8519	26302	34235	435	26906	761254
N. BRAIN- TREE	42625	--	802	2477	3224	41	3486	52656
PALMER	605447	18781	9967	30771	40053	509	39931	745458
WARE	320578	56359	6834	21099	27464	349	28348	461030
TOTAL	2298299	169042	34886	107705	140193	1780	158456	2910361

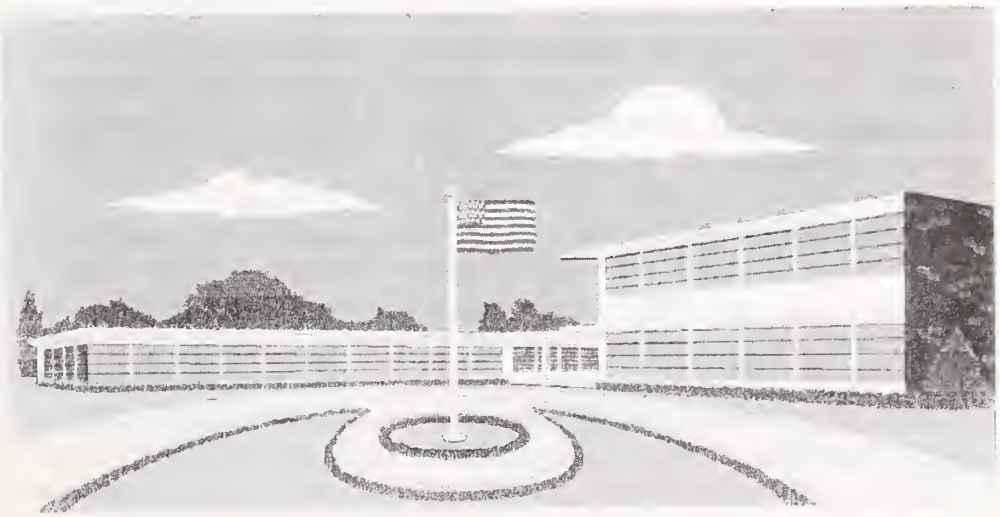
CONCLUDING STATEMENT

The School Committee is justly proud of the staff and students and of the contributions they have made to the economic health of our District. The committee recognizes that in this era of accounability and high expectations, many changes need to be made. The increased emphasis on academic skills needs to be maintained without diminishing the quality of students' technical studies. Pathfinder intends to continue its memebrship in the Regional Education & Business Alliance, an effort that serves as a catalyst for change. It also intends to work with its sister institutions throughout Massachusetts to develop common plans and responses to the challenges we face.

The Committee looks forward to the continuing implementation of educational reform with the hope and expectation that some of the inadequacies in regional school finance and governance will be addressed. It is committed to providing the best possible educational opportunities for workforce development

within the District, and to that end, respectfully invites the continued support of town officials, parents, and citizens in all of our seven communities.

Respectfully submitted,
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David Droz, Palmer
M. Barbara Ray, Ware
Amber Paul, Student Representative
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PALMER PUBLIC SCHOOLS – 1997-1998

The 1997-1998 school year marks the fifth year of the Education Reform Act (ERA). The direction and funds provided by the ERA have significantly assisted the growth of the Palmer Public Schools. Examples of this are found in the individual school reports which follow.

The School Committee continues to provide the critical element of policy and fiscal leadership, supporting the efforts of parents, staff, students, and others to promote the concept of excellence throughout all operations of the School Department. This was specifically illustrated by their support of requesting funds in addition to that required by the ERA at the last Annual Town Meeting. Without their leadership, several key programs would have been significantly and adversely affected, if not completely eliminated. In addition to the leadership provided by the School Committee, special thanks are extended to the various parent support groups, all members of the educational staff, and the students who day after day work to their capacity in obtaining an education.

A special note of appreciation is extended to the D.A.R.E. program and the two officers who are involved in bringing that program to the children—Officer James Lynch and Officer Raymond Tenczar.

The students continue to benefit from the involvement of teachers in a variety of professional development activities. Teachers, administrators, and others log hundreds of hours attending courses, seminars, workshops, and similar meetings to maintain currency in subject matter and professional teaching skills.

School Councils continue their very active role in the education of the children. The annual plans produced by each council demonstrate their commitment to the youth of the community.

Continuing the plan for curriculum improvement, the 1997-1998 school year witnessed the implementation of a new science curriculum in grades K-7. While the science program was being installed, research was underway to update the K-7 social studies program, which is scheduled for implementation in September 1998.

Technology and its implications for the education of the students continued to be a focal point of district effort in 1997-1998. A staff reorganization and improved funding allowed this effort to proceed as planned.

The community-based budget-planning group continued its work. For the final three years of the Education Reform Act, this committee created a three-year plan with clearly identified goals accompanied by a funding formula. The intent of this plan is to position the district to enter the next century in such a manner that each child will be presented with numerous opportunities to maximize his or her potential as each one proceeds through the public schools of Palmer.

The district received $ 425,806 in grants to support a variety of educational programs. Mr. Neil Metcalf, Director of Special education, deserves credit for the acquisition of these funds. He works diligently on this program to the benefit of many children in the schools.

In addition to the day-in and day-out multitudinous activities required to keep the schools clean and in a "like new" condition, Mr. Stephen Muniec, Director of Facilities, guided the replacement of the air conditioning units and rerouted vent stacks at Palmer High School. At Converse Middle School, a new fire alarm panel and new bathroom partitions were installed.

The PTO's continue their fine efforts in supporting the children's education. Whether they're involved in fundraising, supervising, or decorating the hallways, their members are always there when needed. They truly enrich the school environment.

In addition to the fine support given by the parents, taxpayers, and others, a special note of appreciation is extended to Mrs. Lund, Mrs. Sugrue, Mr. Sampson, Mr. Kaczmarczyk, and Mr. Burns.

PALMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE
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Robert S. Dupuis, Vice Chairman
Maureen R. Gallagher, Secretary
Stephen A.P. Bobowicz, Committeeman
Christopher L. Geoffrion, Committeeman

OLD MILL POND SCHOOL ANNUAL REPORT

The 1998 school year at Old Mill Pond School proved to be a most successful, productive, and eventful one. Problems relating to vandalism were virtually nonexistent, and problems regarding student management were minimal. Though there continues to be a need for increased staffing in the areas of technology, guidance, remedial reading, and library media service, we are pleased that we have been able to maintain average class sizes of 22-24 in kindergarten through grade four. These class sizes are well under those recommended by the Education Reform Act. The cooperative efforts of the various school planning teams, staff, and PTO continue to provide a myriad of school programs, cultural events, school spirit days, and activities such as the student of the month and student of the week programs, field days, pancake breakfast with Santa, family math night, inventors fair, book fairs, mystery night, Presidential Academic Fitness Program, fourth grade nutritional snack day, family movie night, roller-skating parties for grades K-4, Celebrity Read Aloud, Little Shoppers, Officer Phil program, fourth grade step-up and ice cream social, holiday music performances, first grade authors teas, Math-A-Thon, Native American Day, dental hygiene instruction provided by local dentists, Hawaiian Day, Japanese Multicultural Week, Reluctant Dragon theater performance, Tom McCabe

story-teller presentations, food play performance, Mary Jo Maicheck - conflict resolution performance, etc.

The Junior Achievement Program, an instructional business program with a specific curriculum at each grade level, taught by trained parent and community volunteers was presented for the sixth year with all classes participating.

The Education Reform Act requires that school departments provide funding for staff development. This funding has made it possible for staff to attend several conferences, workshops, inservice programs, and enroll in some college course offerings. In addition, we have been able to add to our professional development library.

In the area of technology, we've completed the networking of all rooms in the entire building, upgraded the whole school computer lab to Windows 95/Internet capability, added Microsoft Publisher to office capability, procured many new and used computers from various sources, and purchased some software.

Old Mill Pond School has a very active and industrious School Council. It has assisted the school principal in developing a very ambitious school improvement plan for the 1998 school year. The plan identifies goals as follows: review, reorganize, and purchase computer hardware and software; seek donations of used computer hardware; investigate school air quality and implement improvements where feasible; evaluate/revise new lunch procedures as needed; conduct parent and staff surveys on alternate years as input for development of future school improvement plans; investigate revisions in reports to parents; develop an inclusion plan to reflect our school's concept of inclusion within the context of the district plan; implement a mentoring plan to orient and guide first-year teachers; and create a resource list of ideas for after-school enhancement activities for gifted and talented students. All goals have been met.

The DARE program, aimed at kindergarten, grades two and four, directed by Officer James Lynch, continues. This is a very successful program touted by both students and parents.

The 1998 school year brought with it the retirement of Superintendent Warren Pelton and the employment of our new Superintendent, Dr. Richard J. McClements. Best wishes, Dr. McClements.

CONVERSE MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Converse Middle School enjoyed a very challenging but rewarding school year in 1997-1998.

In the quest for excellence, two major curriculum decisions were made. The first involved the implementation of a long overdue Science curriculum. Grades 5 and 6 are moving forward with the Scott Foresman series, while the Prentice Hall program was

implemented in Grade 7. These programs should modernize the curriculum and put the Middle School in line with the state frameworks. Social Studies is being reviewed to ensure compatibility with the frameworks and the state mandated testing programs. The Social Studies program should be fully implemented in September 1998.

Technology continues to play a major role in the Middle School. Computers were added to the classrooms so that all academic classrooms can have access to computer programs, the school network, and the Internet. The hardware for the library was upgraded and should be able to handle the new software packages for the foreseeable future. Microsoft Office, with Word Excel, Access and PowerPoint are standard on all computers in the Middle School and are available for students and staff through the school network. The Internet will serve as a valuable teaching tool and will provide resources for all staff and students. Workshop knowledge of these basic programs will be developed through an integration approach that ties the computer to the various academic classes. Software is also available to supplement the regular curriculum including career guidance.

The extracurricular programs continued to expand by offering programs in Choral Music, Band and French and Science. The quarterly newsletter continues to provide information about the various programs, teams and the school in general.

The Quaboag Valley School-To-Career Partnership continues to play an important role in the life of the students at Converse. Working through the Partnership, students are able to explore career options through software programs and to explore opportunities such as Culinary Arts and Electronics through Pathfinder, and Graphic Design at Granby High School. A college/career night was offered to parents to provide information about career opportunities, colleges and schools, financial aid, and program planning for secondary education and beyond.

Grants continue to play a significant role in the Middle School. The Comprehensive Health Grants supports Health Education; School-To-Career monies support the career exploration component of our guidance program; and Title I provides remedial services in Math and Reading.

D.A.R.E. continues to be a successful program that provides a comprehensive drug, tobacco and alcohol awareness program for students in Grades 5 and 7. Officers Raymond Tenczar and James Lynch have established a great rapport with our students which, in turn, has built a positive relationship between the police and the school. The support of Chief Frydryk has been unwavering and is truly appreciated.

The School Council targeted the Library Media Center as part of a long- range program to upgrade service and resources for staff and students. The needs are being assessed, the technology upgraded, and the media specialist will be added to the staff as a full-time position. It will require at least three years of concerted financial support to develop a library that complies with state standards for a Middle School the size of Converse.

The P.T.O. continues to be a vital part of the Converse Middle School community. The P.T.O. provides funding for field trips and cultural activities while supplementing staff needs with extra funding. Social activities are sponsored by the P.T.O. for all grade levels. The P.T.O. also provides the needed volunteers for programs such as the Yearbook, book fairs, decorations, etc. The P.T.O.'s role cannot be minimized. They are an active, vital, and necessary part of the Converse community; and they cannot be thanked enough for contributions in terms of talent and time.

The staff and parents, working together, have formed a unique alliance that affords excellent educational opportunities for all the students at Converse. The contribution of the local merchants and businesses in the area cannot be overlooked as the Converse Middle School seeks to provide the best possible educational opportunities for all students.

PALMER HIGH SCHOOL

The 1997-98 school year was once again a very good year for Palmer High School. A good indication of the success of any school is what happens with its graduates. The Class of 1998 thoroughly brought to fruition what Palmer High School is all about. Fifty-six percent of the graduating class went on to four-year colleges, thirty percent into two-year programs, four percent into the military service, and ten percent into the world of work. In addition, scholarships and grants from both local sources and from schools and colleges graduates will be attending totaled nearly a half million dollars.

Curriculum is the heart of what a school is all about. Updates and additions in curriculum are important to a school and need to be ongoing. The 1997-98 school term was no exception. A Human Anatomy course was introduced for students going on to the two-year college; Senior Math was replaced by courses in Probability and Statistics and Trigonometry; and an additional course in Exploring Foods was introduced, as was an Honors Accounting course that was done through a (2+2) agreement with Springfield Technical Community College. Technology (engineering) has been expanding rapidly in the school. This past year was no exception, as a course entitled Technology I was introduced. Technology education is gradually replacing the *Industrial Arts/Hobby Shop/Adult Education* type programs that have been entrenched in schools for many years.

Extracurricularly, the school continued to offer a wide array of activities. An extensive athletic program, chess and math teams, drama program, and thirty-five different clubs and activities offer every student in the school the opportunity to participate in an activity. This past year the Interact Club alone had a membership in excess of 100 students.

Once this report is published and read, Palmer High School will have finished both its self-evaluation and have hosted a visiting team from the New England Association of

Schools and Colleges. This is an activity that occurs in every accredited high school on a ten-year cycle. The school has been preparing for two years for this evaluation. Results of the evaluation will be coming forth in the near future.

To the citizens of Palmer, "*thank you for your continued support in helping us make Palmer High School the good school it is.*"

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The Department of Special Services includes all special education programs, Title I programs, home and hospital tutoring, and Chapter 622 (discrimination). The department is also responsible for the screening of all youngsters entering kindergarten, as well as three- and four-year-olds for possible special needs and early intervention programs. This department is also responsible for writing many of the school system's state and federal grants.

For the Department of Special Services, the 1998 school year was one of continued growth and development. As of June 1998, we show a slight increase in the number of children receiving special education services. Our current enrollment is 415 students, or 18%, as opposed to 391 in 1997.

State and federal grants written and supervised by the department continue to assist in defraying some of the costs of special education. The federal 94-142 Special Education Grant ($146,205), an increase of $34,985, continues to fully fund the cost of our Early Childhood program as well as a number of paraprofessional instructional assistant positions. It was necessary to cut instructional supplies from this grant. The state 94-262 Early Childhood Grant ($24,990), an increase of $4,790, provides speech assistance and screening services to children enrolled in private preschool programs or of early childhood age.

The federal Title I Grant ($182,948), a decrease of $7,180, continues to provide remedial math services to eligible youngsters in grades 3-7 as well as reading and study skills. The decrease in this grant has impacted our ability to purchase supplies as needed. The entire grant is committed to staff salaries. This program provides services to approximately 225 youngsters in the schools.

The Drug Free Schools Grant continues to provide drug awareness information to staff, parents and students as well as to assist in the funding of the D.A.R.E. program. This grant is also used to provide some short-term counseling to students and families.

Thanks to the efforts of the Superintendent, the School Committee, the Town Office and the community, we were able to continue a revolving Medicaid Account for medical type services. This account allows us to channel moneys generated by current children enrolled in programs who receive Mass Health Insurance into the contracted service

account, thus freeing up moneys for general education. A similar practice was established for tuition from special needs youngsters tuitioned into the Palmer Public Schools.

This year we have continued the integration of our Early Childhood Program. Due to increased enrollment, we found it necessary to establish a second integrated preschool program. It was decided by the School Committee to charge a nominal fee for the non-special needs children in the program and, in 1998-1999, continue this charge to both programs. An evaluation of this program has shown tremendous support from the parents as well as benefit to the children.

The mainstreaming of special education students continues to be an area of emphasis. This year we have been able to mainstream a number of children through the use of 1-1 paraprofessionals as well as the support of the building administrators and tremendous cooperation and assistance of the building administration and staff.

This past year we have continued our Parent Advisory Council for Special Education. This group of parents and professionals meets six to seven times per year and addresses current topics of interest to parents. For more information on these meetings, call Neil Metcalf, Director of Special Education, at (413) 283-2651.

The Department of Special Services continues to advocate for the education of all children in the least restrictive environment and to the maximum degree possible.

FACILITIES DEPARTMENT

Fiscal year 1997-1998 saw continued work at Palmer High School correcting original design flaws. A heat exchanger was installed in the home economics room, and the vent stacks that exhaust sewer gas were re-routed. In addition, the air conditioning compressors in the high school auditorium were replaced.

At Converse Middle School we installed a new fire alarm panel. We also installed new and much needed bathroom partitions.

Again this year we cannot express enough our sincere gratitude to the other town departments who continue to play a vital role in the safe and healthy operation of our schools.

A new state law establishing spending requirements for school building maintenance will definitely give the facilities department the additional monies that are unquestionably needed to run these facilities. The schools are a huge town investment and should be treated as such. We must protect your investment and continue to invest in the upkeep of your schools.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

In accordance with Chapter 41, Section 61 of the Massachusetts General Laws, I hereby submit the following financial statements for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1998:

Balance Sheet - General Fund Accounts
Balance Sheet - Special Revenue Fund Accounts
Balance Sheet - Capital Projects Fund Accounts
Balance Sheet - Outstanding Debt Accounts
Balance Sheet - Trust Fund Accounts
Statement of Cash Receipts
Statement of Cash Disbursements
Statement of Appropriations, Expenditures and Balances
Statement of Bonded Indebtedness
Statement of Special Departmental Funds

In accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 23 as amended, the Director of Accounts, Department of Revenue certified that the amount of available funds for "free cash" as of July 1, 1998 for the Town of Palmer was $1,989,300.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, Elected Officials and Personnel of all Town Departments and Committees, for their cooperation throughout the year.



Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Sugrue,
Town Accountant

TOWN OF PALMER, MASSACHUSETTS

BALANCE SHEET - GENERAL FUND

Jun-30-98

ASSETS

CASH		3,659,975.42
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		
TAXES		
Personal Property Tax		
FY-1998	6,137.28	
FY-1997	4,667.01	
FY-1996	6,279.23	
FY-1995	5,957.26	
FY-1994	4,429.99	
FY-1993	4,320.98	
FY-1992	1,615.83	
FY-1991	1,258.52	
FY-1990	298.52	
Real Estate Tax		
FY-1998	513,524.63	
FY-1997	257,093.34	
FY-1996	199,034.39	
FY-1995	143,111.08	
FY-1994	115,094.63	
FY-1993	66,347.33	
FY-1992	33,001.49	
FY-1991	5,906.57	
FY-1990	4,345.11	1,372,423.19

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

OVERLAYS RESERVED FOR ABATEMENTS		
FY-1989 Levy	7,089.64	
FY-1990 Levy	18,481.83	
FY-1991 Levy	44,427.10	
FY-1992 Levy	25,992.91	
FY-1993 Levy	48,574.52	
FY-1994 Levy	31,048.14	
FY-1995 Levy	17,555.15	
FY-1996 Levy	68,057.38	
FY-1997 Levy	27,807.42	
FY-1998 Levy	33,481.14	322,515.23
TAX TITLE REDEMPTIONS DUE DISTRICT		5,351.37
DEFERRED REVENUE		
Tax Title Revenue-Town	88,047.79	
Tax Title Revenue-Dist.	3,325.92	
Tax Title Foreclosure Rev.	18,831.93	
Tax Title Foreclosure Rev. District	1,641.70	
Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Revenue	1,049,907.96	
Deferred Tax Rev.-Town	9,811.25	
Deferred Taxes Revenue-District	790.65	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Revenue	147,858.84	

TOWN OF PALMER, MASSACHUSETTS

BALANCE SHEET - GENERAL FUND

30-Jun-98

ASSETS

Tax Titles	88,047.79	
Tax Possessions	20,473.63	
Tax Titles-District	3,325.92	111,847.34
Deferred Taxes	9,811.25	
Deferred Taxes-Distr	790.65	10,601.90
Motor Vehicle Excise		
1998	70,144.09	
1997	29,063.93	
1996	15,289.35	
1995	10,239.42	
1994	12,880.31	
1993	10,241.74	147,858.84
Farm Animal Excise		74.00
Forest Products Tax		5.20
Sewer User Charges		
FY-1998	159,379.28	
FY-1997	108,099.66	
FY-1996	142,961.25	
FY-1995	71,692.47	
FY-1994	38,040.45	
Sewer Liens Added to FY-1991 Taxes	100.00	

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Farm Animal Excise Tax Revenue	74.00	
Forest Products Tax Rev.	5.20	
Sewer User Charge Rev.	571,682.67	
Departmental Revenue	17,629.02	1,909,606.93
WARRANTS PAYABLE		308,384.78
PAYROLL WITHHOLDINGS		46,006.34
AGENCY		
State Receipts Due Dist.	210.80	
State Reimbursement due Collector	2,531.40	
Tax Possession Sales Due District	11.50	2,753.70
FUND EQUITY		

TOWN OF PALMER, MASSACHUSETTS

BALANCE SHEET - GENERAL FUND

Jun-30-98

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES		
Sewer Liens Added to FY-1992 Taxes	400.00	Fund Balance		
Sewer Liens Added to FY-1993 Taxes	2,247.00	Amounts to be Provided for Snow & Ice Removal	(39,777.67)	
Sewer Liens Added to FY-1994 Taxes	3,088.00	Reserve for Encumbrances	1,520,910.75	
Sewer Liens Added to FY-1995 Taxes	5,893.33	Under Estimate	(5,532.00)	
Sewer Liens Added to FY-1996 Taxes	7,727.00	Fund Balance Designated for Authorized Deferral Teachers Salaries	(496,624.00)	
Sewer Liens Added to FY-1997 Taxes	11,615.00	Fund Balance Reserved for Education Carry-over	3,915.40	
Sewer Liens Added to FY-1998 Taxes	16,739.16	Unreserved Fund Balance	2,314,586.75	3,297,479.23
Committed Sewer Int. Added to FY-1991 Tax	14.00			
Committed Sewer Int. Added to FY-1992 Tax	32.00			
Committed Sewer Int. Added to FY-1993 Tax	421.00			
Committed Sewer Int. Added to FY-1994 Tax	224.00			
Committed Sewer Int. Added to FY-1995 Tax	483.00			
Committed Sewer Int. Added to FY-1996 Tax	567.00			
Committed Sewer Int. Added to FY97 Tax	752.00			

TOWN OF PALMER, MASSACHUSETTS

BALANCE SHEET - GENERAL FUND

Jun-30-98

ASSETS			LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
Committed Sewer Int.				
Added to FY98 Tax	1,207.00	571,682.67		
DEPARTMENTAL				
Selectmen	800.00			
Veterans	12,769.85			
Schools	655.00			
Cemetery	3,404.17	17,629.02		
TOTAL ASSETS		5,892,097.58	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	5,892,097.58

TOWN OF PALMER, MASSACHUSETTS

BALANCE SHEET - SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Jun-30-98

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES		
CASH	1,619,032.58	WARRANTS PAYABLE		278,486.10
STATE AID TO HIGHWAYS	505,994.63	SCHOOL LUNCH		44,604.03
DUE FROM COMMONWEALTH-		HIGHWAY REVENUE		
Small Cities Grants	1,413,439.00	Aid to Highway Revenue	505,994.63	
State Aid to Highway Construction-		Chapter 90 Public Works		
Chapter 113 A	11,217.93	Economic Development		
		Program-Chapter 811	8,446.26	
		Transportation Bond		
		Issue-Chapter 637	0.29	
		Highway Grant-Chapter 133	0.48	514,441.66
		Deferred Revenue		
		Small Cities Grants		1,413,439.00
		REVOLVING FUNDS		
		School Lost Textbook	1,906.32	
		School Athletics	1,399.61	
		Use of Facilities	15,624.74	
		School Tuition	12,229.51	
		Medicaid Reimbursement	1,638.20	
		Right to Know Law	876.66	

TOWN OF PALMER, MASSACHUSETTS

BALANCE SHEET - SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Jun-30-98

ASSETS

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Summer School	1,674.96	
Student Activity Fund	44,174.38	
School Choice Tuition	29,289.00	108,813.38
AGENCY		
Police Off-Duty Work Detail		45,812.95
SALE OF REAL ESTATE		99,054.25
RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATION		
Sale of Cemetery Lots	11,241.00	
Conservation Commission-		
Wetlands By-Law Filings	4,847.52	
Disposal of Yardage	597,525.00	613,613.52
ESCROW		
Towing Performance Bond	1,000.00	
Street Entrance Bonds	17,175.00	
Street Excavation Bonds	9,555.00	
Sanitary Landfill	200.00	
Forestry Perform. Bond	1,097.50	
Board of Appeals Bond	11,500.00	
Commonwealth Reimbursement to		
Ambulance Service	303.75	
Bid Bond Escrow	4,550.00	45,381.25
FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS		
Chapter II Block Grant		
#302-308-5-0227-5	428.35	

TOWN OF PALMER, MASSACHUSETTS

BALANCE SHEET - SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Jun-30-98

ASSETS

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Bond Technology Grant	51.70
Title I	30,931.39
Title VI Restore Grant #302-202-7-0227-5	87.48
1998 Title VI Restore Grant #302-284-8-0227-5	314.28
1998 Palms Phase II #360-016-8-0227-5	1,895.60
1998 SPED Curriculum Framework #274-216-8-0227-5	3,788.16
1997 Smoking Cessation Grant #349-140-7-0227-5	2,265.60
Governor's Alliance Against Drugs PI 99-570	21,097.90
1998 Smoking Cessation #349-156-8-0227-5	10,038.88
1997 SPED APC's #240-193-7-0227-5	4,212.58
1998 SPED Allocation #240-271-8-0227-5	34,180.07
School Quest Alliance 2000	842.50
Municipal Equal.Grant FY96	141.25
State Grants-Dept. of Elder Affairs-Transportation	74.03
Community Program	334.40
Kitchen Equipment	207.87
Outreach	3,542.96
FY94 Formula	58.54
FY95 Formula	259.74

TOWN OF PALMER, MASSACHUSETTS

BALANCE SHEET - SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Jun-30-98

ASSETS

LIABILITIES & RESERVES

Greater Springfield Senior Services-Title IIIB	4,269.52
Greater Springfield Senior Pharmacy Grant	400.00
Veterans Services-Graves Repair	880.00
FY96 Non-Resident Circulation Offset	1,413.75
FY98 Library Incentive	2,234.05
FY1998 SPED Early Childhood #262-239-8-0227-5	1,230.99
FY97 Non-Resident Circulation Offset	8,819.32
FY95 Library Incentive	109.84
FY98 Municipal Equalization	6,070.13
FY98 Non-Resident Circulation	28.59
Teacher Train.Math/Science #303-264-8-0227-5	2,421.95
Narcotics Task Force Grant	84.67
UCR/NIBR Police Compute.	1.32
1995 Community Policing	12.23
Bicycle Safety Grant	6.00
Federal Cops-Fast	3,336.45
1997 Community Policing	25.29
1997 Narcotics Task Force	948.55
Law Enforce.Block Grant	15,974.77
FY98 Community Policing	9,699.29

TOWN OF PALMER, MASSACHUSETTS

BALANCE SHEET - SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

30-Jun-98

ASSETS	LIABILITIES & RESERVES		
	1998 Narcotics Task Force	914.16	
	Municipal Recycling Incentive Program	3,376.00	
	Small Cities Grants	122,639.97	
	Police DARE	10.06	
	FY98 Police DARE	139.07	299,799.25
	GIFTS AND BEQUESTS		
	School Department	3,881.32	
	Council on Aging	72.48	
	Historical Commission	20,956.48	
	Local Arts Lottery	9,739.12	
	Police Department	480.00	
	Park Department	22.95	
	Memorial Hall	10.42	
	Town Hall	0.75	
	Dog Officer	155.57	
	Accountant's Office	0.52	
	DARE	101.42	
	Palmer Middle School	700.00	
	Street Light-River Road	1,000.00	
	Bondsville School Site Development	204.50	
	Compost Bins Gift	1,614.00	
	School & Town Computer	343.45	39,282.98

TOWN OF PALMER, MASSACHUSETTS

BALANCE SHEET - SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Jun-30-98

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & RESERVES	
		INSURANCE REIMBURSEMENTS FOR DAMAGE TO TOWN PROPERTY	16,606.46
		REIMBURSEMENT FOR DAMAGE TO COMPUTER SOFTWARE	453.75
		TAILINGS Unclaimed Checks	5,417.77
		PREMIUM ON NOTES	142.00
		BOND ISSUE-ACCRUED INTEREST	6,845.83
		PLANNING BOARD-APPLICATION REVIEW FEES	7,667.21
		CONSERVATION COMMISSION SPECIAL MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT	9,822.75
TOTAL ASSETS	3,549,684.14	TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,549,684.14

TOWN OF PALMER, MASSACHESETTS

BALANCE SHEET - CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

30-Jun-98

ASSETS			LIABILITIES AND RESERVES		
CASH		1,715,915.63	WARRANTS PAYABLE		553,800.00
LOANS AUTHORIZED			LOANS AUTH.& UNISSUED		
Repair WWTP Roof	30,000.00		Water Pollution Control Project	235,150.00	
Park Dept. Equip Bldg.	15,000.00		Reconstruction of Sewers and Sewer System	331,536.00	
Town Hall Ventilization .	11,000.00		Purchase of Park Land	90,000.00	
Street Sewer Project-Shearer St.	12,365.63		Street Sewer Improvement Project-New Schools	16,000.00	
Construction of Septic Systems	100,000.00		Street Sewer Imrpovement Project-Main St.	27,000.00	
Design & Renovation of Police Station	134,000.00		Sanitary Sewer Project-Quaboag Valley Co-op	685,000.00	
Development-Park Land	150,000.00		Eminent Domain Taking	45,000.00	
Quaboag Valley Co-op Sewer Project	685,000.00		Construction of Septic Systems	100,000.00	
Street Sewer Improvements-New Schools	16,000.00		Design and Renovation of Police Station	134,000.00	
Street Sewer Improvements-Main St.	27,000.00		Reconstruction of Sewers and Sewer System (Belt Press)	150,000.00	
Purchase of Park Land	90,000.00		Land Purchase Mt. Dumplin	73,152.00	
Construction of Sewerage System & Sewerage Treatment Facilities	235,150.00		Development of Overlook Park	113,000.00	1,999,838.00
Reconstruction of Sewers & Sewer System	331,536.00		ANTICIPATION OF SERIAL LOANS		
Eminent Domain Taking	45,000.00		Multi-Purpose Bond Issue VI	455,365.00	
Purchase of Consv. Land	35,000.00		Multi-Purpose Bond Issue VII	2,437,000.00	2,892,365.00
Const./Re-Const.-Sewer & Sewerage Sys.CSO	150,000.00		FUND BALANCE		1,162,116.26

TOWN OF PALMER
BALANCE SHEET - CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

JUNE 30,1998

ASSETS		
State St Landfill Closing	68,000.00	
Land Purchase Mt. Dump[lin	73,152.00	
Emery St.Landfill Closure	114,000.00	
Reconst.of Sewers & Sewer System (Belt Press)	890,000.00	
Replace WWTP Roof	175,000.00	
Develop. Overlook Park	113,000.00	
Community Playground	25,000.00	
Emery St. Landfill Closure-Phase II	1,367,000.00	4,892,203.63
TOTAL ASSETS		6,608,119.26

LIABILITIES & RESERVES		
School Building Project	574,421.67	
Hwy.5yd.Dump Truck	13,477.00	
Sanitary Landfill Phase I Closeout	1,392.04	
Sanitary Landfill Closeout	3,802.15	
Aeration Sys.Improve.	3,884.51	
Reconstruction of Sewers and Sewer System	41,385.56	
Sewer Overflow Facility	5,158.89	
Public Library-Roof, Trim and Gutter Repair	55.00	
Palmer Twn.Bldg.Roof	140.00	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		6,608,119.26

TOWN OF PALMER
BALANCE SHEET - CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

JUNE 30,1998

ASSETS

LIABILITIES & RESERVES

Dewatering System Improvements	35,244.84
Industrial Pretreatment	135.90
Palmer Public Library Roof	607.60
Town Hall Ventilization	1,660.00
Emery St. Landfill Closing	268,936.58
State St. Landfill Closing	36,699.12
WWTP-Phase II CSO	51,541.75
WWTP-Three Belt Press	85,779.00
WWTP-Sludge Room Roof	3,819.65
WWTP-Roof Replacement	33,975.00
TOTAL	1,162,116.26

TOWN OF PALMER, MASSACHUESTTS

BALANCE SHEET - TRUST FUNDS

30-Jun-97

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash	282,011.00	STABILIZATION	17,435.88
		CONSERVATION FUND	6,795.61
		THOMPSON FUND	991.07
		MERRICK FUND	885.53
		CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND	238,398.98
		INTEREST-FULLER FUND-SCHOOLS	1,084.87
		INTEREST-FULLER FUND-PARK	2,586.56
		LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND	8,810.72
		MABLE SLESINSKI FUND	5,021.78
TOTAL ASSETS	282,011.00	TOTAL LIABILITIES	282,011.00

TOWN OF PALMER , MASSACHUSETTS

BALANCE SHEET - OUTSTANDING DEBT

30-Jun-97

ASSETS		LIABILITIES & RESERVES	
NET FUNDED DEBT - INSIDE	3,105,000.00	WATER POLLUTION CONTROL	55,000.00
NET FUNDED DEBT - OUTSIDE	21,692,000.00	MULTI-PURPOSE BOND	300,000.00
		SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT	20,770,000.00
		MULTI-PURPOSE BOND II	2,842,000.00
		MULTI-PURPOSE BOND III	220,000.00
		MULTI -PURPOSE BOND IV	80,000.00
		MULTI-PURPOSE BOND V	530,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	24,797,000.00	TOTAL LIABILITIES	24,797,000.00

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS

GENERAL FUND

Year Ending June 30, 1998

TAXES - LOCAL			
Current Year's Levy:			
Real Estate	7,880,542.68		
Personal Property	493,723.43	8,374,266.11	
Prior Year's Levy:			
Real Estate	402,046.60		
Personal Property	2,321.28		
Tax Title Redemption	-	404,367.88	
Other Local Taxes:			
Motor Vehicle Excise	839,225.90		
Motor Vehicle Excise-			
Paid After Abatement	4,984.79		
Farm Animal Excise	1,163.48		
Forest Products Tax	2,055.60		
Trailer Coach Fees	9,000.00		
Municipal Lien Certificates	14,825.00		
Proforma Tax	819.97	872,074.74	
TOTAL TAXES - LOCAL			9,650,708.73
STATE SHARED TAXES			
Loss of Taxes and Abatements		55,345.50	
Education Basis		6,491,026.00	
Local Aid Fund - Lottery		1,464,480.00	
State Owned Land		12,607.00	
TOTAL STATE SHARED TAXES			8,023,458.50
LICENSES			
Alcoholic Beverages		16,160.00	
Licenses Issued by Selectmen		10,890.00	
Licenses Issued by Board of Health		13,962.00	
TOTAL LICENSES			41,012.00

PERMITS			68,976.20
FINES			
Court		18,150.00	
Civil Motor Vehicle Infractions		36,127.50	
Municipal Fines		920.00	
TOTAL FINES			55,197.50
STATE FUNDS			
School Construction		2,026,287.00	
Highway Fund		164,464.00	
Sewer Rate Relief		18,717.00	
Police Career Incentive		18,226.00	
Foundation Aid		250,000.00	
TOTAL STATE FUNDS			2,477,694.00
FEES FOR CURRENT SERVICES			
General Government			
Board of Appeals	480.00		
Tax Collector	37,071.63		
Planning Board	2,765.50		
Town Clerk	22,525.00		
Selectmen	38,482.67		
Miscellaneous	1,146.00	102,470.80	
Public Safety			
Police Department	4,858.00		
Sealer	2,343.50		
Dog Officer	320.00	7,521.50	
Health			
Sanitary Landfill			
Waste Disposal		100.00	
Wastewater Treatment Plant			
Sewer User Fees	1,509,948.92		
Sewer Entrance Fees	450.00		
Other Receipts	85,324.45	1,595,723.37	

Parks & Recreation			
Registration Fees		6,125.00	
Parking Clerk			
Fines		1,275.00	
Cemeteries			
Sale of Lots	3,350.00		
Open Graves	5,300.00		
Foundations	1,911.03	10,561.03	
TOTAL FEES FOR CURRENT SERVICES			1,723,776.70
REIMBURSEMENT FOR CURRENT SERVICES			
School Transportation		172,585.00	
County-Care & Disposal of Dogs		424.00	
Veterans' Services		56,913.66	
Non-Contributory Pensions-State		4,657.32	
Non-Contributory Pensions-South Hadley		2,605.57	
Non-Contributory Pensions-Springfield		4,158.01	
Underground Fuel Tank Removal Reimb.		12,175.00	
Tuition-State Wards		45,395.00	
Miscellaneous/Reimbursement		180.26	
School Building Litigation		573,694.85	
School Light Reimbursement		1,290.00	
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR CURRENT SERVICES			874,078.67
INTEREST			
Taxes & Assessments		108,525.24	
Sewer User Fees		1,693.12	
Investment Funds		143,720.89	
Tax Liens		600.00	
TOTAL INTEREST			254,539.25

AGENCY			
Payroll Deductions			
Federal Taxes	1,230,693.75		
State Taxes	574,267.29		
Group Life Insurance	12,965.40		
Voluntary Life Insurance	11,096.59		
Group Health Insurance	332,402.06		
County Retirement	303,788.91		
Medicare	75,715.25		
Deferred Income	60,467.53		
School Annuities	885,332.12		
Highway Dues	594.38		
Adjustment to Net	22,397.50		
Police Dues	5,536.47		
Police Dispatcher Dues	1,082.46		
Defined Contribution	40,987.17		
Disability Insurance	11,240.52		
Universal Life Insurance	5,593.27		
Administration Dues	8,242.24		
Credit Union	85,752.31		
United Way	58.00	3,668,213.22	
State Payments Due Districts		1,839.92	
Departmental Receipt Due Municipal			
Public Access Television		2,136.00	
TOTAL AGENCY			3,672,189.14
REFUNDS			
Departmental - Prior Years		473.95	
Departmental - Current Year		69,019.37	
TOTAL REFUNDS			69,493.32
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS - GENERAL FUND			26,911,124.01

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

SCHOOL FUNDS		
School Lunch - Federal	174,974.80	
Bond Technology Grant	1,555.10	
Title I	183,888.00	
1998 Title VI Restore Grant 302-284-8-0227-5	11,991.00	
1998 PALMS Grant Phase II 368-006-8-0227-5	1,961.00	
1998 SPED Curriculum Framework 274-216-8-0227-5	9,077.00	
Governors Alliance Against Drugs	10,006.00	
1998 Smoking Cessation 349-8-0227-5	46,938.00	
1998 SPED Allocation 240-271-8-0227-5	143,838.50	
School Quest Alliance 2000	1,500.00	
1998 SPED Early Childhood 262-239-8-0227-5	24,990.00	
Teacher Training Math/Science 303-264-8-0227-5	8,214.00	
TOTAL SCHOOL FUNDS		618,933.40
FEDERAL FUNDS		
COPS-Fast Grant	112,613.46	
TOTAL FEDERAL FUNDS		112,613.46
STATE FUNDS		
School Lunch-State	16,753.62	
Arts Lottery Council	8,486.00	
Greater Springfield Senior Services Title IIIB	9,520.00	
Greater Springfield Senior Pharmacy Grant	400.00	
State Aid to Highway Construction Chapter 15 Acts of 1988	45,103.45	

State Aid to Highway Construction Chapter 113 Acts of 1996		328,450.85
State Aid to Highway Construction Chapter 85 Acts of 1984		56,131.71
Bullet Proof Vests		2,441.88
1997 LSCA Title I Grant		1,588.00
Library Incentive Grant-FY98		6,094.50
FY98 Municipal Equalization Grant		6,070.13
FY97 Non-Resident Circulation Offset Award		10,036.85
FY98 Non-Resident Circulation Offset Award		28.59
FY98 Narcotics Task Force Grant		11,198.43
FY98 Community Police Grant		23,000.00
1997 Narcotics Task Force Grant		10,253.33
Community Development Action Grant		7,609.89
FY98 DARE Grant		9,700.00
Community Development Block Grant Paydowns		958,335.96
Municipal Recycling Incentive Program		3,376.00
TOTAL STATE FUNDS		1,514,579.19

FEES FOR CURRENT SERVICES			
Schools			
School Lunch Program	270,216.54		
School Athletics	17,540.59		
Old Mill Pond Playground	300.00		
School Choice Tuition	29,289.00		
Use of Facilities	40,590.01		
Lost Text Books	968.39		
School - Gifts	708.06		
Summer School	3,210.00		
School Tuition	44,721.49		
Medicaid Reimbursement	76,149.00		
Student Activity Fund	141,543.56	625,236.64	
Compost Bins - Gift		625.50	
TOTAL FEES FOR CURRENT SERVICES			625,862.14

UNCLASSIFIED		
Damage to Town Properties	13,225.78	
Community Development Loan Program-Payback	34,190.43	
Community Development MHFA Program	1,000.00	
Conservation Commission Wetlands By-Law	1,752.50	
Conservation Commission Special Maintenance Account	9,877.50	
Historical Commission-Maintenance Fund	471.75	
Planning Board-Application Review Fees	35,872.70	
Street Entrance Bonds-Escrow Account	9,300.00	
Street Excavation Bonds-Escrow Account	4,200.00	
Reimbursement-Disbursement of Yardage at Landfill	287,887.50	
Bid Bond Escrow	4,550.00	
Forestry Performance Bond	1,097.50	
Sale of Real Estate	5,000.00	
TOTAL FOR UNCLASSIFIED		408,425.66
INTEREST		
Student Activity Fund	2,068.16	
Chapter 90 - Public Works Economic Development Program	877.94	
Set-Aside Program Paybacks Interest	321.48	
Community Development Block Grants Interest	5,558.32	
Community Development-MHFA Program Interest	165.83	
Historical Commission-Maintenance Fund Interest	881.65	
Local Arts Lottery-Interest	271.23	
Planning Board-Application Review Fees-Interest	2,805.22	
Law Enforcement Block Grant	827.30	
TOTAL INTEREST		13,777.13

AGENCY		
Police - Off Duty Work Detail	70,414.03	
TOTAL AGENCY		70,414.03
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		3,364,605.01

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS		
Anticipation of Serial Loans- Multi-Purpose VI	455,365.00	
Bond Anticipation Loan- Multi-Purpose VII	2,437,000.00	
TOTAL MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS		2,892,365.00
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS - CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND		2,892,365.00

TRUST FUNDS

FEES FOR CURRENT SERVICES		
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund - Sales	3,997.75	
Law Enforcement Trust Fund	1,774.71	
TOTAL FEES FOR CURRENT SERVICES		5,772.46
UNCLASSIFIED		
Mabel Slesinski Memorial Fund	5,000.00	
TOTAL FOR UNCLASSIFIED		5,000.00

INTEREST		
Stabilization Fund	927.59	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	12,324.20	
Conservation Fund	552.97	
Merrick Fund	63.84	
Thompson Fund	71.48	
Fuller Fund	306.08	
M. Slesinski Memorial Fund	163.61	
TOTAL INTEREST		14,409.77
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS - TRUST FUNDS		25,182.23
TOTAL RECEIPTS - ALL FUNDS		33,193,276.25
Add Cash Balance, July 1, 1997		4,459,900.25
Add Warrants Payable		1,140,670.88
		38,793,847.38
Less: Net Cash Disbursements	31,447,893.38	
Plus Refunds	69,019.37	31,516,912.75
Cash Balance, June 30, 1997 - All Funds		7,276,934.63

STATEMENT OF CASH DISBURSEMENTS

GENERAL FUND

Year Ending June 30, 1998

GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
SELECTMEN:		
Board Salaries	8,970.00	
Executive Secretary Salary	46,986.00	
Selectmen's Clerical	24,770.57	
Procurement Officer	2,500.00	
Postage	1,574.54	
Travel & Conference	1,918.26	
Education	1,000.00	
Town Meeting Expenses	429.40	
Copier Rental	2,168.08	
Dues	1,999.79	
Service Contracts/Maintenance	2,632.19	
Contract Negotiations	5,152.89	
Miscellaneous	541.41	
Subscriptions	265.25	
Drug & Alcohol Testing	496.00	
Green Thumb In-Kind Donation	200.00	101,604.38
SELECTMEN'S CONTINGENT ACCOUNT		66.60
Audit of Municipal Accounts		14,000.00
Tessier Land Purchase		1,200.00
Maintenance & Disposition-School Buildings		865.08
Bondsville School-Site Development		5,722.95
Cable Television Survey		71.25
TOWN ACCOUNTANT:		
Salary	37,799.00	
Clerical	20,517.72	
Travel/Conference/School	882.00	
Dues	70.00	
Postage	3.00	59,271.72

COMPUTER SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION:		
Part-time Computer Maintenance Salary	4,308.00	
Maintenance Agreement	29,868.12	
Supplies	10,279.16	44,455.28
Computer System Supplies FY96 Encumbered Expense		4,681.91
Computer System Supplies-FY97 Encumbered Expense		45.70
Computer Upgrade		3,251.80
TOWN TREASURER:		
Salary	6,885.00	
Clerical	34,191.65	
Office Expense & Supplies	6,381.81	
Travel/Dues	1,149.40	
Surety Bond	394.00	
Postage	10,075.01	
Certification Fees	125.00	
Bank Service Charge	2,647.87	61,849.74
Treasurer-Tax Title Foreclosure		140.18
Unpaid Bills of a Prior Year-Treasurer's Expense		59.99
TAX COLLECTOR:		
Salary	38,394.00	
Clerical	42,500.33	
Office Expense & Supplies	4,137.18	
Surety Bond	100.00	
Travel/Dues/Miscellaneous	2,603.02	
Postage/Meter/Scale	3,313.19	
Printing Tax Bills	2,255.89	
Maintenance of Equipment	4,817.45	98,121.06
TOWN CLERK:		
Salary	38,394.00	
Clerical	24,416.57	
Office Expense & Supplies	113.17	
Postage	277.13	
Travel/Dues	641.49	

Out-of-State Travel	1,066.12	
Bond	100.00	65,008.48
Town Clerk - Dog Bylaw		511.87
ELECTION & REGISTRATION:		
Registrar's Salaries/Clerk	4,321.00	
Clerical	8,411.34	
Part-time Temporary Clerk	799.68	
Election Officers	2,552.85	
Ballots/Supplies/Forms	1,584.45	
Postage	3,100.22	
Registration & Listing	173.57	
Travel	1,460.16	
Program Card Reader	350.00	
Repairs	530.00	23,283.27
Election & Registration-Encumbered Expense-FY97		2,088.00
ASSESSORS:		
Board Salaries	8,543.00	
Assistant Assessor Salary	34,524.80	
Clerical	30,037.33	
Photostats	814.50	
Office Expenses/Supplies/Postage	3,987.74	
Travel/Dues	783.18	
Binding	375.00	79,065.55
Re-valuation Services		5,000.00
LAW & CLAIMS:		
Salary of Town Counsel	20,000.00	
Claims & Expenses	7,693.33	27,693.33
Special Legal Services		27,909.40
Associate Town Counsel		6,991.76
LICENSE COMMISSION:		
Clerical	500.00	
Travel	989.70	
Office Supplies	65.30	1,555.00

MEMORIAL HALL:		
Custodian's Salary	5,372.00	
Electricity/Water/Sewer Fee	2,604.28	
Fuel	2,678.34	
Repairs	2,523.22	13,177.84
PALMER TOWN BUILDING:		
Custodian	18,993.84	
Lights/Heat/Water/Sewer Fee	16,866.43	
Supplies	573.21	
Repairs	3,856.19	40,289.67
Palmer Town Building Maint. Fund		6,776.32
CONSULTING ENGINEER:		820.00
Consulting Engineer-FY96 Encumbered Expense		656.08
FINANCE COMMITTEE:		
Salary of Recording Secretary	700.52	
Dues	27.97	728.49
PLANNING BOARD:		
Clerical	22,576.56	
Court Time Salary	192.19	
Postage	454.61	
Legal Notices	35.06	
Travel/Dues	649.53	
Miscellaneous	1,719.10	
Consulting Engineer	623.25	
Seminars	252.00	
Zoning Maps	95.00	26,597.30
Planning Board-FY96 Encumbered Expense		2,313.00
Planning Board-FY95 Encumbered Expense		2,749.04
BOARD OF APPEALS:		
Recording Secretary	3,477.50	
Postage	532.00	
Dues	60.00	4,069.50

COUNCIL ON AGING:		
Salary of Director	29,279.36	
Salary of Drivers	23,610.48	
Substitute Driver	420.00	
Postage	224.00	
Travel/Dues	758.00	
Miscellaneous	1,186.55	
Gasoline	1,438.32	56,916.71
Greater Springfield Senior Services		1,343.00
CENTRAL PURCHASING:		19,300.97
CENTRAL PURCHASING-TELEPHONE:		19,016.56
Central Purchasing-FY97		
Encumbered Expense		75.90
TOWN MODERATOR:		200.00
PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:		
Clerical	4,000.00	
Professional Consultant	10,000.00	
Maintenance/Lights	780.18	
Miscellaneous	4,296.44	19,076.62
PRA Feasibility Study		1,500.00
TOTAL FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT		850,121.30

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

POLICE:	
Chief of Police-Salary	54,038.26
Salaries	704,281.61
Overtime	151,971.10
Matron's Salary	278.53
Clothing & Equipment	9,896.11
Radio Repairs	7,624.73
Maintenance of Cruisers	15,683.95
Office Expense & Supplies	4,785.17
Lock-up Expense	1,595.81

Postage	434.00	
Officer's Training School	9,711.19	
Chief of Police-Car Allowance	246.29	
WMLEC	250.00	
Ammo/Drugs/Narcotics	1,306.14	
Electricity	109.00	
Computer Maintenance Agreement	5,861.02	
Travel/Dues	1,342.10	
Film/Photo Supplies	1,273.47	
Medical Expense	1,176.98	
Miscellaneous	1,904.31	
Equipment Maintenance	790.05	
911 Equipment Maintenance	938.20	975,498.02
Police-DARE Officer		518.49
Police Cruisers		51,916.08
Police Equipment-FY98 Pagers		3,954.83
Police Equipment		234.80
Unpaid Bills of a Prior Year- Police Department Other Expense		177.00
AUXILIARY POLICE EXPENSES:		932.00
CIVIL DEFENSE:		707.24
FOREST WARDEN:		
Salary	3695.00	
Gas & Oil	87.05	
Supplies & Repairs	1540.53	5,322.58
FORESTRY DEPARTMENT:		
Tree Warden	500.00	
Supplies & Repairs	754.77	
Tree & Stump Removal	145.46	
Dutch Elm Disease	1,195.00	
Equipment Hire	9,940.00	12,535.23
SEALER:		
Salary	2,401.00	

Supplies	40.80	
Travel	300.00	2,741.80
DOG OFFICER:		
Salary	16,392.00	
Boarding of Dogs	1,176.00	
Destroying of Dogs	304.00	
Electricity	319.05	
Travel	64.11	
Supplies	796.65	
Fuel	642.06	19,693.87
GAS INSPECTOR:		3,680.00
TOWN FIRE ENGINEERS:		168.00
CONSERVATION COMMISSION EXPENSES:		
Salary	5,617.09	
General Supplies	13.49	
Professional Consultant	659.58	
Mileage/Dues	717.43	7,007.59
WIRE INSPECTOR:		
Salary	8,372.70	
Postage	261.60	
Travel	262.00	8,896.30
HISTORICAL COMMISSION:		444.21
PARKING CLERK EXPENSES:		148.68
BUILDING INSPECTOR:		
Salary	33,991.00	
Postage	312.75	34,303.75
Building Inspector Health Insurance		590.52
TOTAL FOR PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY		1,129,470.99

HEALTH & SANITATION

BOARD OF HEALTH:		
Board Salaries	8,226.58	

Clerical	16,699.20	
Office Expenses & Supplies	142.88	
Travel	1,847.50	
Postage	303.56	
Clinics	2,249.13	
Emergency Fund	518.84	
Vermin Control-		
Salary	665.80	
Milk Inspector-		
Salary	431.00	
Travel	63.00	
Perc Test Inspection	6,780.00	
Vital Statistics	459.00	38,386.49
PLUMBING INSPECTOR:		
Salary	5,957.60	
Telephone	343.71	
Travel	262.00	
Postage/Forms	165.00	6,728.31
ANIMAL INSPECTOR:		
Salary	1,312.68	
Travel	131.00	1,443.68
FY98 Valley Human Services		5,000.00
SANITARY LANDFILL:		
Salaries	20,557.40	
Contracted Services	19,199.09	39,756.49
Sanitary Landfill Closure		18,804.32
Recycling/Scrap Metal		637.70
GENERAL SEWER MAINTENANCE:		
Repairs	325.00	
Trunkmain Cleaning	3,958.00	
Supplies	2,666.77	
Pipes & Fittings	420.00	7,369.77
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:		
Superintendent's Salary	38,962.00	
Salaries	303,087.37	
Overtime	28,856.73	

Chemicals	38,172.56	
Telephone	5,486.77	
Electricity	178,916.40	
Fuel	14,916.93	
Equipment Maintenance	72,766.00	
CSO Maintenance/Equipment	50,203.29	
Lab Supplies	18,732.51	
Postage	393.39	
Miscellaneous Supplies	2,076.28	
Clothing	2,500.00	
Administrative Costs-		
Sewer User Fees	65.50	
Maintenance of Railroad Crossings	7,802.99	
Water	1,490.04	
Dues/Travel	1,042.87	
Medical	1,504.00	
Quaboag Co-op Project	1,946.73	
Pretreatment Program	4,177.05	773,099.41
Wastewater Treatment Plant-		
Sludge Disposal		331,598.50
Wastewater Treatment Plant-		
Federal & State Mandates		15,279.56
Wastewater Treatment Plant-		
Unpaid Bills of a Prior Year		208.00
Wastewater Treatment Plant-		
FY97 Encumbered Expense		11,968.51
TOTAL FOR HEALTH AND SANITATION		1,250,280.74

HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAY SALARIES:		
Superintendent's Salary	45,843.18	
Clerical	15,157.83	
Labor	289,145.13	
Overtime	13,684.21	363,830.35

GENERAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE:		
Gas/Oil/Fuel	11,259.44	
Lights/Heat/Power/Water/Sewer	2,851.36	
Diesel Fuel Tax	1,462.63	
Postage	65.75	
Supplies/Equipment/Repairs	17,641.36	
Painting Center Lines on Roads/Crosswalks	9,761.05	
Clothing Allowance	2,750.00	
Town Barn Maintenance	301.07	
Rain & Safety Equipment	432.93	
Medical	218.60	
Central Purchasing-Gasoline	31,537.81	78,282.00
Highway Copier		1,500.00
Highway Equipment		1,985.00
Highway Dept.-Bills of a Prior Year		139.07
STREET SIGNS & TRAFFIC REGULATIONS:		
Electricity	6,499.07	
Supplies	1,869.00	
Signs	2,356.44	10,724.51
MAINTENANCE OF RAILROAD CROSSINGS:		3,935.17
SIDEWALKS AND CURBS-GENERAL MAINTENANCE:		
Concrete	6,011.27	
Supplies	478.93	6,490.20
SURFACE TREATMENT OF STREETS WITH BITUMINOUS MATERIAL:		
Gravel/Sand	2,805.38	
Concrete Bituminous Materials	8,079.91	10,885.29
SNOW & ICE CONTROL:		80,077.67
STREET LIGHTING:		75,705.69
TOTAL FOR HIGHWAYS		633,554.95

CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS' BENEFITS		
Veterans' Agent Salary	10,695.00	
Dues	50.00	
Postage	293.28	
Hospital/Medical/Dental	1,220.98	
Ordinary Allowances	55,850.30	
Rent/Fuel/Utility	125.00	
Emergency Provisions/Clothing	332.52	
Burial Allowance	1,100.00	
Travel	1,063.25	
Veterans Day Observance	83.47	
Graves Markers	160.00	70,973.80
MIA/POW Flame Memorial		125.00
Unpaid Bills of a Prior Year- Veterans Benefits		101.46
TOTAL FOR CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS' BENEFITS		71,200.26
PUBLIC SCHOOLS		
SCHOOLS, OPERATION OF:		
Administration - Salaries	172,335.30	
Administration - Expenses	49,850.53	
Instruction - Salaries	5,607,463.01	
Encumbered Teacher Salaries	876,380.94	
Instruction - Expenses	502,706.63	
Health	102,675.00	
Custodians	252,525.76	
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	556,658.06	
Transportation	730,880.37	
Tuition	763,776.75	
Encumbered School Expenses	7,655.89	
Other Services	8,440.19	
Athletics	37,011.71	
Replace Equipment	2,497.60	9,670,857.74
Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School District		680,856.00

TOTAL FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS		10,351,713.74
LIBRARY		
Palmer Public Library		478,301.00
TOTAL FOR LIBRARY		478,301.00
PARKS, RECREATION AND CELEBRATIONS		
PARKS:		
Superintendent's Salary	45,849.00	
Clerical	1,881.00	
Overtime	9,704.93	
Summer Help	10,866.64	
Labor	152,226.77	
Truck Repairs/Expenses	5,332.07	
Supplies/Repairs	18,943.08	
Gas/Oil	1,739.63	
Electricity/Water	2,782.68	
Fertilizer/Grass Seed/Mulch	835.20	
Clothing Allowance	1,750.00	251,911.00
Park Department - Equipment		9,972.80
Removal of Running Track		12,250.54
Walter Chase Memorial Park		19,668.58
Pee Wee Park Maintenance		2,782.50
Nick Laviolette Park Maintenance		3,009.72
New Burleigh Park Maintenance		3,934.94
Water Street Field Maintenance		2,285.00
Maintenance of School Grounds		13,678.88
Bondsville Park Maintenance		1,586.26

RECREATION:		
Salaries	20,001.75	
Transportation	4,638.00	
Supplies/Equipment/Telephone	2,502.61	27,142.36
FY98 Pee Wee Baseball Midget League		2,200.00
FY98 Palmer Cowboy Football Team		2,200.00
FY98 Palmer Lil' Girls Softball League		906.00
FY98 Palmer Kickers Soccer Association		2,200.00
FY98 Palmer Stripers Swim Club		2,160.45
FY98 Palmer Youth Basketball		2,200.00
FY98 Palmer Pony Baseball League		2,200.00
FY98 Palmer Girls Fast Pitch Softball		2,200.00
FY98 Palmer Suburban Basketball Assoc.		2,200.00
MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE:		2,578.96
TOTAL FOR PARKS, RECREATION AND CELEBRATIONS		369,267.99

CEMETERIES

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT:		
Labor	55,853.60	
On-Call Summer Labor	5,320.00	
Salary of Secretary	2,476.15	
Truck Maintenance	1,957.03	
Electricity/Water	368.23	
General Supplies/Repairs	11,784.17	
Office Expense	78.30	
Clothing Allowance	500.00	
Fertilizer/Lime/Loam	1,544.18	

Miscellaneous	610.02	
Building Maintenance	859.94	
Tree Pruning/Removal	1,515.00	
Oil & Fuel	300.85	
Alarm System	180.00	83,347.47
Cemetery Equipment		3,964.95
Cemetery Dept.-FY97 Encumbered Exp.		2,912.00
TOTAL FOR CEMETERIES		90,224.42
PENSIONS		
County Retirement Assessment	355,410.00	
Leo J. Santucci Retirement	25,950.00	381,360.00
TOTAL FOR PENSIONS		381,360.00
INSURANCE		
Group Health Insurance	1,323,286.14	
Group Life Insurance	12,327.00	
General Insurance	201,476.70	
Medicare Tax	74,323.16	
Unemployment Insurance	11,934.29	1,623,347.29
TOTAL FOR INSURANCE		1,623,347.29
UNCLASSIFIED		
TOWN REPORTS		9,844.60
HAZARDOUS WASTE:		6,618.23
Hazardous Waste-FY96 Encumbered Exp.		943.50
Hazardous Waste-FY97 Encumbered Exp.		4,790.55
TOTAL FOR UNCLASSIFIED		22,196.88

INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT

INTEREST:		
Abated Taxes	478.12	
Wastewater Treatment Facilities	4,675.00	
School Building Project	1,562,955.78	
Multi-Purpose Bond Issue	24,537.50	
Multi-Purpose Bond Issue II	10,395.00	
Multi-Purpose Bond Issue III	17,655.00	
Chapter 90-Highway	9,337.17	
Multi-Purpose Bond Issue IV	5,250.00	
Multi-Purpose V BAN	37,352.70	
Multi-Purpose VI BAN	23,029.32	1,695,665.59
MATURING DEBT:		
Wastewater Treatment Facilities	60,000.00	
Multi-Purpose Bond Issue	155,000.00	
School Building Project	1,465,000.00	
Multi-Purpose Bond Issue II	40,000.00	
Multi-Purpose Bond Issue III	110,000.00	
Multi-Purpose Bond Issue IV	40,000.00	
Multi-Purpose Bond Issue V	118,600.00	1,988,600.00
TOTAL FOR INTEREST AND MATURING DEBT		3,684,265.59

STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS

County Tax	50,072.01	
State Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	12,075.00	
Pioneer Valley Planning Commission	1,808.10	
Criminal Justice Training Council	3,600.00	
Pioneer Valley Air Pollution Control District	2,431.00	
Chapter 766-Special Education	1,499.00	
School Choice	14,360.00	85,845.11
TOTAL FOR STATE AND COUNTY ASSESSMENTS		85,845.11

REFUNDS

Real Estate Tax	47,426.38

Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	12,222.76	
Sewer User Fees	5,645.46	
Departmental	100.00	65,394.60
TOTAL FOR REFUNDS		65,394.60
WARRANTS PAYABLE		521,999.94
AGENCY		
State COLA Due Non-Contributory Pensioner	270.00	
State Receipts Due District	1,929.28	
Departmental Receipts Due Municipal Public Access Television	2,136.00	
Payroll Deductions:		
Federal Withholding	1,230,693.75	
State Withholding	574,240.85	
County Retirement	302,522.26	
Group Health Insurance	338,257.64	
Group Life Insurance	13,486.20	
Group Life Insurance-Voluntary	11,383.51	
Medicare Tax	75,715.25	
Deferred Income	60,467.53	
Adjustment to Net	22,397.50	
School Annuities	885,332.12	
Police Dues	5,386.44	
Police Dispatcher Dues	1,082.46	
Defined Contribution Plan	40,987.17	
Disability Insurance	11,155.65	
Universal Life Insurance	5,724.88	
Administration Dues	8,324.66	
Credit Union	85,752.31	
United Way	58.00	
Highway Dues	394.50	3,677,697.96
TOTAL FOR AGENCY		3,677,697.96
TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS - GENERAL FUND		25,286,242.76

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

SELECTMEN:		
Norcross Grant	152.08	
School and Town Computer Gift	1,406.55	1,558.63
PALMER TOWN BUILDING:		
Accountant's Office Gift		49.49
PLANNING BOARD:		
Application Review Fees		33,742.17
COUNCIL ON AGING:		
Greater Springfield Senior Services- Title IIIB	11,768.00	
FY97 Formula Grant	500.00	12,268.00
CONSERVATION COMMISSION:		
Wetlands By-Law Filing Fee	1,030.00	
Special Maintenance Account	9,464.75	10,494.75
STATE GRANTS:		
Community Development Block Grant	1,027,608.91	
Community Development Action Grant	7,609.89	1,035,218.80
TOTAL FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT		1,093,331.84

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

POLICE DEPARTMENT:		
Police Dispatchers Gift	1,500.00	
FY97 DARE Grant	441.91	
1998 Narcotics Task Force Grant	10,284.27	
1998 Community Policing Grant	13,300.71	
Federal COPS-FAST Grant	96,998.96	
1997 Community Policing Grant	6,095.16	
1997 Narcotics Task Force Grant	10,004.08	
FY98 DARE Grant	9,560.93	
Bullet Proof Vests	2,441.88	150,627.90

HISTORICAL COMMISSION:		
Historical Commission-Maintenance Fund		150.00
TOTAL FOR PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY		150,777.90
HIGHWAYS		
GENERAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE:		
Highway-Temporary Loan in Anticipation of Reimbursements		231,761.75
State Aid to Highway Construction-Chapter 113A		158,271.47
TOTAL FOR HIGHWAYS		390,033.22
PUBLIC SCHOOLS		
SCHOOLS, OPERATION OF:		
School Lunch - Salaries/Expenses	466,733.40	
School Athletics	17,096.22	
Use of Facilities	27,728.66	
Lost Text Book Account	1,221.86	
Special Gift Account	1,398.96	
Old Mill Pond Playground Gift	300.00	
Summer School	3,100.00	
Revolving Tuition	33,543.32	
Revolving Medicaid	77,361.77	
Revolving Student Activity Fun	139,460.00	
Bond Technology Grant	63,003.40	
Title I	174,251.60	
Title VI Restore 302-202-7-0227-5	1,508.84	
1998 Title VI Restore 302-284-8-0227-5	11,676.72	
1997 PALMS 368-057-7-0227-5	2,395.34	
1998 PALMS Phase II 360-016-8-0227-5	65.40	
Curriculum Study Group 504-195-7-6-0227-5	6,226.00	
1998 SPED Curriculum Framework 274-216-8-0227-5	5,288.84	

1997 Smoking Cessation 349-140-7-0227-5	15,505.68	
1998 Smoking Cessation 349-156-8-0227-5	36,899.12	
Governors Alliance Against Drugs	10,984.13	
1997 SPED Allocation APC 240-193-7-0227	24,382.55	
1998 SPED Allocation APC 240-271-8-0227	109,658.43	
1997 SPED Early Childhood Allocation 262-171-7-0227-5	6,008.46	
1998 SPED Early Childhood Allocation 262-239-8-0227-5	23,759.01	
1997 Eisenhower Grant 303-191-7-6-0227-5	5,946.53	
Teacher Training Mach/Science 303-264-8-0227-5	5,792.05	
School Quest Alliance 2000	657.50	1,271,953.79
TOTAL FOR SCHOOLS		1,271,953.79

LIBRARY

PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY:		
Local Arts Lottery Council	9,140.76	
FY95 Municipal Equalization Grant	78.28	
FY96 Municipal Equalization Grant	921.50	
1997 LSCA Title I Grant	9,315.40	
1997 Library Health Grant	4,004.18	
FY96 Non-Resident Circulation Offset Grant	2,705.98	
FY97 Municipal Equalization Grant	6,081.28	
FY97 Library Incentive Grant	6,094.50	
FY98 Library Incentive Grant	3,860.45	
FY97 Non-Resident Circulation Offset Award	11,905.26	54,107.59
TOTAL FOR LIBRARY		54,107.59

UNCLASSIFIED

Insurance Reimbursements for Damages to Town Property		10,453.21
TOTAL FOR UNCLASSIFIED		10,453.21

STREET ENTRANCE BONDS-ESCROW		9,600.00
STREET EXCAVATION BONDS-ESCROW		4,200.00
FORESTRY PERFORMANCE BOND		1,615.90
WARRANTS PAYABLE		290,904.24
AGENCY		
Police-Off Duty Work Detail		65,457.66
TOTAL FOR AGENCY		65,457.66
TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS - SPECIAL REVENUE FUND		3,342,435.35

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
School & Town Computer System		3,692.55
TOTAL FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT		3,692.55
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT		
Highway Department 5-Yard Dump Truck		2,534.00
TOTAL FOR HIGHWAY		2,534.00
HEALTH & SANITATION		
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:		
Phase II CSO	60,176.66	
Roof Repair	141,025.00	
Sludge Room Roof	26,180.35	
Three Belt Press	684,221.00	911,603.01

SANITARY LANDFILL:		
Emery St. Landfill Closure	1,162,831.26	
State St. Landfill Closure	3,562.34	1,166,393.60
TOTAL FOR HEALTH & SANITATION		2,077,996.61
PUBLIC SCHOOLS		
SCHOOLS, OPERATION OF:		
School Building Project	32,274.44	
Old Mill Pond Playground	25,000.00	57,274.44
TOTAL FOR SCHOOLS		57,274.44
PARKS, RECREATION & CELEBRATIONS:		
Walter "Beebe" Chase Memorial Park		120,134.25
TOTAL FOR PARKS		120,134.25
TEMPORARY LOANS		
Anticipation of Serial Loan		
Multi-Purpose Bond Issue VI		553,800.00
TOTAL FOR TEMPORARY LOANS		553,800.00
TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS - CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND		2,815,431.85

TRUST FUNDS

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY		
POLICE:		
Law Enforcement Trust Fund		478.74

TOTAL FOR PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY		478.74
PUBLIC SCHOOLS		
SCHOOLS, OPERATION OF:		
Thompson Fund	483.30	
Merrick Fund	431.90	
Fuller Fund-Schools	2,247.65	
M. Slesinski Memorial Scholarship Fund	141.83	3,304.68
TOTAL FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS		3,304.68
TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS - TRUST FUNDS		3,304.68
TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS - ALL FUNDS		31,447,893.38

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS,
EXPENDITURES AND BALANCES-GENERAL FUND
Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1998

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	Approp. as Modified	Expended*	Balance Surplus	Forward
SELECTMEN:				
Board Salaries	8970.00	8970.00		
Executive Secretary Salary	46986.00	46986.00		
Clerical	24770.57	24770.57		
Procurement Officer Salary	2500.00	2500.00		
Other Expenses	21212.00	18377.81	2834.19	
Contingent Account	73.00	66.60	6.40	
Audit of Municipal Accounts	14000.00	14000.00		
Maintenance & Disposal of Vacant School Buildings	1545.00	865.08	679.92	
Bondsville School Site Development	9755.04	5722.95		4032.09
Update of Town Code	2806.33			2806.33
Eminent Domain Taking-Walnut St	1.00			1.00
Land Purchase - Tessier	2500.00	1200.00		1300.00
Cable Television Survey	263.25	71.25		192.00
Right of Way-West Warren Rd.	2.00			2.00
Land Purchase-Sasur Property	1.00			1.00
ACCOUNTANT:				
Salary	37799.00	37799.00		
Clerical	20517.72	20517.72		
Other Expenses	955.00	955.00		
TREASURER:				
Salary	6885.00	6885.00		
Clerical	34191.65	34191.65		
Other Expenses	21116.00	20773.09	342.91	
Tax Title Foreclosures	5114.65	140.18		4974.47
Unpaid Bills of a Prior Yr.-Treasurer	59.99	59.99		
COLLECTOR:				
Salary	38394.00	38394.00		

	Approp. as Modified	Expended*	Surplus	Balance Forward
Clerical	44371.78	42500.33	1871.45	
Other Expenses	17227.00	17226.73	0.27	
TOWN CLERK:				
Salary	38394.00	38394.00		
Clerical	24416.80	24416.80		
Emergency Clerical	2000.00		2000.00	
Other Expenses	2260.00	2197.91	62.09	
Restoration of Town records	2000.00			2000.00
Dog By-law Equipment	600.00	511.87	88.13	
ELECTIONS & REGISTRATION:				
Registrars' Salaries/Clerk	4321.00	4321.00		
Clerical	8450.24	8411.34	38.90	
Part Time Temp Clerk	5309.17	2799.68	2509.49	
Other Expenses	15266.00	11251.25	4014.75	
Elec. & Regis. Encumbered Expense-FY97	2088.16	2088.00	0.16	
Elec. & Regis. Encumbered Expense-FY98	1500.00			1500.00
ASSESSORS:				
Salary	8543.00	8543.00		
Assistant Salary	34524.80	34524.80		
Clerical	30037.51	30037.33	0.18	
Other Expenses	6849.00	6085.42	763.58	
Revaluation of Properties	75708.22	5000.00		70708.22
Mapping	2725.35			2725.35
Assessors Encumbered Expense-FY98	125.00			125.00
LAW & CLAIMS:				
Town Counsel Salary	20000.00	20000.00		
Other Expenses	7868.73	7693.33	175.40	
Associate Town Counsel	7246.00	6991.76	254.24	
Special Legal Services	28278.00	27909.40	368.60	
LICENSE COMMISSION:				
Clerk	500.00	500.00		
Expenses	1055.00	1055.00		

	Approp. as Modified	Expended*	Surplus	Balance Forward
MEMORIAL HALL:				
Custodian's Salary	5372.00	5372.00		
Other Expenses	7907.88	7805.84	102.04	
PALMER TOWN BUILDING:				
Expenses	21346.00	21346.00		
Custodian	19011.80	18993.84	17.96	
Palmer Town Bldg. Maint. Fund/Gen. Repairs	10000.00	10000.00		
Palmer Town Bldg. Encumbered Exp.-FY98	50.17			50.17
Maint. & General Repair Encumbered Exp.-FY98	3223.68			3223.68
ENGINEERING:				
Consulting Engineer	17679.00	820.00	16859.00	
Consulting Engineer FY 96 Encumbered	900.00	656.08	243.92	
FINANCE COMMITTEE:				
Salary of Recording Secretary	1545.00	700.52	844.48	
Other Expenses	350.00	27.97	322.03	
PLANNING BOARD:				
Clerical	22576.56	22576.56		
Emergency Clerical	1000.00		1000.00	
Court Salary	500.00	192.19	307.81	
Other Expenses	11668.00	11128.55	539.45	
Encumbered Expense-FY95	2313.00	2313.00		
Encumbered Expense-FY96	2749.04	2749.04		
Encumbered Expense-FY98	7300.00			7300.00
Map Digitizing	25000.00			25000.00
Upgrade Zoning Map	15000.00			15000.00
BOARD OF APPEALS:				
Salary-Recording Secretary	3699.00	3477.50	221.50	
Expenses	592.00	592.00		
Consulting Engineer	1000.00		1000.00	
COMPUTER SYSTEM ADMINISTRATION:				
Computer Maint. Salary	4308.00	4308.00		

	Approp. as Modified	Expended*	Surplus	Balance Forward
Computer Maint. Agreement	32935.00	29868.12	3066.88	
Computer Supplies	10300.00	10279.16	20.84	
Computer Maint. Agreement New System	1280.24			1280.24
Computer System Supplies FY96 Encumbered Exp.	4681.91	4681.91		
Computer System Supplies FY97 Encumbered Exp.	691.99	45.70	646.29	
Computer Conversion/ Upgrade	4500.00	3251.80		1248.20
COUNCIL ON AGING:				
Salary of Director	29279.36	29279.36		
Drivers' Salaries	23610.48	23610.48		
Expenses	3716.00	3606.87	109.13	
Substitiute Drivers	1020.00	420.00	600.00	
Greater Spfld. Senior Services	1343.00	1343.00		
PALMER REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:				
Professional Consultant	10400.00	10000.00	400.00	
Clerical	4000.00	4000.00		
PRA Rent	8000.00		8000.00	
Expenses	1600.00	1589.39	10.61	
Feasibility Study	12500.00	1500.00		11000.00
Maint. Industrial Park	3500.00	3487.23	12.77	
MODERATOR:	200.00	200.00		
CENTRAL PURCHASING:	21025.00	19300.97	1724.03	
Central Purchasing FY97 Encumbered Exp.	436.09	75.90	360.19	
CENTRAL PURCHASING - TELEPHONE	24634.00	19016.56	5617.44	
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY				
POLICE DEPARTMENT:				
Chief of Police	54241.00	54038.26	202.74	

	Approp. as Modified	Expended*	Surplus	Balance Forward
Salaries	856366.34	722331.61	134034.73	
Overtime	154600.00	151971.10	2628.90	
DARE Officer	6000.00	518.49	5481.51	
Other Expenses	68567.14	65672.19	2894.95	
Auxiliary Police Expenses	1081.00	932.00	149.00	
Police Cruisers	52000.00	51916.08	83.92	
Police Equipment-Pagers	451.36	234.80		216.56
Police Equipment-Radar Units	4600.00	3954.83	645.17	
Unpaid Bills of a Prior Year-Police Dept.	177.00	177.00		
911 Communications System	4522.25			4522.25
Police-Matching Funds Law Enforcement Block Grant	1678.00			1678.00
CIVIL DEFENSE:				
Salary	784.00	707.24	76.76	
Other Expenses	5.00		5.00	
FOREST WARDEN:				
Salary	3695.00	3695.00		
Other Expenses	2545.00	1627.58	917.42	
Out of District Fires	1870.00		1870.00	
FORESTRY:				
Labor	2093.00	500.00	1593.00	
Other Expenses	10700.00	10694.77	5.23	
Gypsy Moth Control	9358.36			9358.36
Dutch Elm Disease	2000.00	1195.00	805.00	
Insect Pest Control	500.00	145.46	354.54	
SEALER:				
Salary	2401.00	2401.00		
Expenses	350.00	340.80	9.20	
DOG OFFICER:				
Salary	16392.00	16392.00		
Other Expenses	10000.00	3301.87	6698.13	
Kennel Repair	600.00			600.00

	Approp. as Modified	Expended*	Surplus	Balance Forward
GAS INSPECTOR:				
Salary	6000.00	3680.00	2320.00	
Expenses	315.00		315.00	
TOWN FIRE ENGINEERS:	168.00	168.00		
CONSERVATION COMMISSION:				
Salary of Clerk	5784.00	5617.09	166.91	
Expenses	1450.00	1390.50	59.50	
Maint.& Improvement of Land	4544.00			4544.00
WIRE INSPECTOR:				
Salary	11500.00	8372.70	3127.30	
Expenses	699.00	523.60	175.40	
HISTORICAL COMMISSION:				
Expenses	597.00	444.21	152.79	
BUILDING INSPECTOR:				
Salary	33991.00	33991.00		
Vacation Replacement	600.00		600.00	
Expenses	1254.00	852.75	401.25	
Bldg. Insp.-Health Insurance	866.26	590.52	275.74	
Bldg. Insp. Encumbered Expense-FY98	540.00			540.00
DEMOLITION OF UNSAFE STRUCTURES	1134.71			1134.71
PARKING CLERK	864.00	148.68	715.32	
HEALTH AND SANITATION				
BOARD OF HEALTH:				
Board Salaries	8710.00	8226.58	483.42	
Clerical	16746.00	16699.20	46.80	
Expenses	9415.00	9073.94	341.06	
Clinics	3000.00	2249.13	750.87	
Emergency Fund	1000.00	518.84	481.16	

	Approp. as Modified	Expended*	Surplus	Balance Forward
MILK INSPECTOR:				
Salary	431.00	431.00		
Expenses	63.00	63.00		
ANIMAL INSPECTOR:				
Salary	1352.00	1312.68	39.32	
Expenses	262.00	131.00	131.00	
VITAL STATISTICS:	459.00	459.00		
VERMIN CONTROL:				
Salary	706.00	665.80	40.20	
Expenses	446.00	446.00		
QUABOAG VALLEY HUMAN SERVICES	5000.00	5000.00		
PLUMBING INSPECTOR:				
Salary	6619.00	5957.60	661.40	
Expenses	1041.00	770.71	270.29	
SANITARY LANDFILL:				
Contracted Services	95209.00	80032.09	15176.91	
Other Expenses	1124.00		1124.00	
Salaries	20557.40	20557.40		
Recycling Account	1000.00	1000.00		
Sanitary Landfill Closure STM 11/13/95 ART 32	33134.06	24599.52		8534.54
Recycling-Encumbered Expense-FY98	362.32			362.32
Groundwater Monitoring	13685.00	3000.00	10685.00	
GENERAL SEWER MAINTENANCE:	10793.00	3411.77	7381.23	
SEWER TRUNKMAIN CLEANING:	8976.70	3958.00	5018.70	
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT:				
Superintendent Salary	38962.00	38962.00		

	Approp. as Modified	Expended*	Surplus	Balance Forward
Salaries	304505.45	303087.37	1418.08	
Overtime	37216.45	28856.73	8359.72	
Expenses	466200.00	416246.58	49953.42	
Unpaid Bills of a Prior Year-Wastewater Treatment Plant	1574.20	208.00		1366.20
Quaboag Co-op Project	2500.00	1946.73	553.27	
W.W.T.P.-Encumbered Expense-FY97	15500.00	11968.51	3531.49	
W.W.T.P.-Encumbered Expense-FY98	16000.00			16000.00
Sludge Removal	376000.00	356598.50	19401.50	
Improvements to the Chlorination-De-Chlorination System	411.02			411.02
State & Federal Mandates	20000.00	15279.56	4720.44	
	HIGHWAYS & SIDEWALKS			
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:				
Superintendent-Salary	46196.00	45843.18	352.82	
Clerical	15157.83	15157.83		
Labor	313053.80	306145.13	6908.67	
Overtime	18206.11	13684.21	4521.90	
GENERAL HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE:	78694.00	78282.00	412.00	
HIGHWAY DEPT.-COPIER MAINTENANCE	1500.00	1500.00		
STREET SIGNS:	10725.30	10724.51	0.79	
HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT	2425.00	1985.00		440.00
Unpaid Bills of a Prior Year-Highway Dept.	139.07	139.07		
Highway Department Extend-a-Hoe 4 Wheel Drive	3178.56			3178.56
MAINTENANCE OF RAILROAD CROSSINGS:	4033.00	3935.17	97.83	

	Approp. as Modified	Expended*	Surplus	Balance Forward
SURFACE TREATMENT:	17007.00	10885.29	6121.71	
SNOW REMOVAL	40300.00	80077.67		-39777.67
STREET LIGHTING:	79195.00	75705.69	3489.31	
GENERAL SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE	11750.00	6490.20	5259.80	
Eminent Domain Proceedings-Mason St.-5/20/96	1029.00			1029.00
Eminent Domain Proceedings-Mason St.	936.00			936.00
Eminent Domain Proceedings-Nipmuck St.	840.00			840.00
Eminent Domain Taking for Mass.Turnpike Improvements	3500.00			3500.00
Emergency Repairs-Town Easement	1300.00			1300.00
Reconstruction of Mason St., Precinct A-Art. 6, STM 6/8/87	6315.87	5910.00		405.87
Reconstruction of Mason St. Art. 24, ATM 6/5/89	1150.00	185.53		964.47

VETERANS DEPARTMENT

VETERANS DEPARTMENT:				
Veterans Agent Salary	10695.00	10695.00		
Veterans Benefits	78350.00	58628.80	19721.20	
Veterans Other Expenses	1650.00	1650.00		
Unpaid Bills of a Prior Year-Veterans Benefits	101.46	101.46		
MIA/POW Flame Memorial	125.00	125.00		

	Approp. as Modified	Expended*	Surplus	Balance Forward
EDUCATION & LIBRARIES				
PALMER PUBLIC SCHOOLS:				
Encumbered Salaries	1841333.38	876380.94		964952.44
Operation & Maintenance	9842633.00	9838717.60		3915.40
School Expenses Encumbered FY98	87629.25			87629.25
School Expenses-Encumbered FY97	9056.12	7655.89	1400.23	
School Zone Lights	10300.00			10300.00
Pathfinder Regional Technical Vocational High School	682463.00	680856.00	1607.00	
Pathfinder Flashing School Zone Sign	2600.00			2600.00
PALMER PUBLIC LIBRARY:	478301.00	478301.00		
Palmer Public Library Repairs	4000.00			4000.00
PARKS, RECREATION & CELEBRATIONS				
PARK DEPARTMENT:				
Superintendent Salary	45849.00	45849.00		
Labor	162432.36	152226.77	10205.59	
Clerical	3299.00	1881.00	1418.00	
Overtime	10000.00	9704.93	295.07	
Summer Help	12000.00	10866.64	1133.36	
Expenses	32500.00	31382.66	1117.34	
Maintenance of School Grounds	13800.00	13678.88	121.12	
Pee Wee Park Maint.	3600.00	2782.50	817.50	
Nick Laviolette Field	3100.00	3009.72	90.28	
Maintenance - New Burleigh Park	5000.00	3934.94	1065.06	
Maintenance-Bondsville Park	2000.00	1586.26	413.74	
Maintenance-Water St.Field	2400.00	2285.00	115.00	
Equipment	10250.05	9972.80	277.25	
Removal of Running Track	15000.00	12250.54		2749.46
Walter Chase Memorial Park	20379.46	19668.58		710.88

	Approp. as Modified	Expended*	Surplus	Balance Forward
RECREATION DEPARTMENT:				
Salaries	20100.00	20001.75	98.25	
Other Expenses	7981.00	7148.61	832.39	
Pee Wee Midget Baseball	2200.00	2200.00		
Palmer Cowboy Football	2200.00	2200.00		
Lil' Girls Softball	2200.00	2200.00		
Kickers Soccer Association	2200.00	2200.00		
Stripers Swin Club	2200.00	2200.00		
Youth Basketball	2200.00	2200.00		
Pony Baseball	2200.00	2200.00		
Suburban Metro Girls Fast Pitch Softball	2200.00	2200.00		
Suburban Basketball Assoc.	2200.00	2200.00		
Lil' Girls Softball-Encumbered Expense-FY98	1294.00			1294.00
CELEBRATIONS:				
Memorial Day Observance	2640.00	2578.96	61.04	
CEMETERY DEPARTMENT				
CEMETERY DEPARTMENT:				
Labor	55853.60	55853.60		
Salary of Secretary	3202.00	2476.15	725.85	
Summer Laborer	5320.00	5320.00		
Other Expenses	30824.00	30824.00		
Cemetery Equipment	4000.00	3964.95	35.05	
Cemetery Dept. Encumbered Exp. FY98	11126.28			11126.28
Cemetery Dept. Encumbered Exp. FY97	6000.00	2912.00		3088.00
Cemetery-Mower, Leaf Blower	889.55			889.55
Cemetery-Storage Shed	750.00			750.00
PENSIONS				
County Retirement Assessment	355410.00	355410.00		
Leo J Santucci Retirement	25950.00	25950.00		

	Approp. as Modified	Expended*	Surplus	Balance Forward
GENERAL INSURANCE				
General Insurance	445518.95	236476.70		209042.25
Health Insurance	1487000.00	1442548.13	44451.87	
Life Insurance	15000.00	12327.00	2673.00	
Unemployment Insurance	25000.00	11934.29	13065.71	
Medicare Tax	75000.00	74323.16	676.84	
UNCLASSIFIED				
Town Reports	9937.00	9844.60	92.40	
Hazardous Waste Removal	4200.00			4200.00
Hazardous Waste Expense	9450.00	6618.23	2831.77	
Hazardous Waste Expenses FY96 Encumbered Exp.	943.50	943.50		
Hazardous Waste Expenses FY97 Encumbered Exp.	4790.55	4790.55		
INTEREST & MATURING DEBT				
INTEREST:				
Tax Anticipation Notes	50000.00	50000.00		
Abated Taxes	1500.00	478.12	1021.88	
Wastewater Treatment Facilities	7837.50	7837.50		
Chapter 90, Highway	10500.00	9337.17	1162.83	
School Building Project	1566752.00	1562955.78	3796.22	
Multi Purpose Bond Issue	24538.00	24537.50	0.50	
Multi Purpose Bond Issue II	10395.00	10395.00		
Multi Purpose Bond Issue III	17655.00	17655.00		
Multi Purpose Bond IV	5250.00	5250.00		
Multi Purpose Bond V	40000.00	40000.70	-0.70	
Multi Purpose Bond VI	65000.00	60529.32	4470.68	
PRINCIPAL:				
Wastewate Treatment Facilities	60000.00	60000.00		
Multi-Purpose Bond Issue	155000.00	155000.00		
School Building Project	1475000.00	1465000.00	10000.00	
Multi-Purpose Bond Issue II	40000.00	40000.00		
Mulit Purpose Bond Issue III	110000.00	110000.00		

Multi Purpose Bond Issue IV	40000.00	40000.00		
Multi Purpose Bond Issue V	155910.00	155910.00		
	24444468.73	22452338.41	508328.87	1483801.45

* Includes transfer to other accounts

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS,
EXPENDITURES AND BALANCES -
CAPITAL PROJECTS
Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1998

School Building Project	606696.11	32274.44		574421.67
Sanitary Landfill Phase I Closeout	1392.04			1392.04
Sanitary Landfill Closeout	3802.15			3802.15
Reconstruction of Sewers & Sewer System	41385.56			41385.56
Sewer Overflow Facility	5158.89			5158.89
Aeration System Improvement	3884.51			3884.51
Recondition Screw Pumps	30000.00	30000.00		
Palmer Public Library Roof	55.00			55.00
School & Town Computer System	3692.55	3692.55		
Hwy 5 yd Dump Truck	16011.00	2534.00		13477.00
Palmer Town Bldg Roof Repairs	140.00			140.00
Dewatering System Improvements	35244.84			35244.84
Industrial Pretreatment Program ATM 5/95	135.90			135.90
Palmer Public Library Repairs	607.60			607.60
Town Hall Ventilization	1660.00			1660.00
Emery St. Landfill Closing	1431767.84	1162831.26		268936.58
State St. Landfill Closing	40261.46	3562.34		36699.12
WWTP Phase II CSO	150000.00	98458.25		51541.75
WWTP Three Belt Press	770000.00	684221.00		85779.00
WWTP Sludge Room Roof	30000.00	26180.35		3819.65
WWTP Roof Repair	175000.00	141025.00		33975.00
Sykes St. Sewer Project	3745.48			3745.48
Shearer St. Sewer Project	98434.37	98434.37		

	Approp. as Modified	Expended*	Surplus	Balance Forward
Walter B. Chase Memorial Park	120134.25	120134.25		
Old Mill Pond Playground	25000.00	25000.00		
	3594209.55	2428347.81		1165861.74

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS
Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1997

Maturity Fiscal Year	1978 Water Pollution Control Project	1989 Multi-Purpose Bond Issue	1992 Multi-Purpose II Bond Issue	1995 Multi-Purpose III Bond Issue	1994 Multi-Purpose IV Bond Issue	1997 Multi-Purpose IV Bond Issue	1990 Palmer School Building Project	Total
1999	55,000	155,000	40,000	110,000	40,000	110,000	1,545,000	2,055,000
2000		145,000	40,000	110,000	40,000	105,000	1,640,000	2,080,000
2001			40,000			100,000	1,770,000	1,910,000
2002			25,000			75,000	1,850,000	1,950,000
2003						75,000	1,945,000	2,020,000
2004						65,000	2,050,000	2,115,000
2005							2,145,000	2,145,000
2006							2,245,000	2,245,000
2007							2,345,000	2,345,000
2008							2,470,000	2,470,000
2009							2,595,000	2,595,000
2010							2,735,000	2,735,000
2011							1,325,000	1,325,000
	55,000	300,000	145,000	220,000	80,000	530,000	26,660,000	27,990,000

ANNUAL REPORT
SPECIAL DEPARTMENTAL FUNDS

Year Ending June 30, 1998

Department	Balance 7/1/97	Additions	Deductions	Balance 6/30/98
Planning Board- Application Review Fees	2731.46	38677.92	33742.17	7667.21
Conservation Comm.- Wetlands By-Law Filing Fee	4125.02	1752.50	1030.00	4847.52
Conservation Comm.- Special Maint. Account	9410.00	9877.50	9464.75	9822.75
Historical Comm.- Maintenance Fund	19753.08	1353.40	150.00	20956.48
Gift Accounts:				
Town Building	50.76	0.00	49.49	1.27
Dog Officer	155.57	0.00	0.00	155.57
Memorial Hall	10.42	0.00	0.00	10.42
Parks Dept.	22.95	0.00	0.00	22.95
Police Dept.	480.00	0.00	0.00	480.00
Police Dispatcher	1500.00	0.00	1500.00	0.00
DARE Gift	101.42	0.00	0.00	101.42
Council on Aging	72.48	0.00	0.00	72.48
River Road St. Light	1000.00	0.00	0.00	1000.00
Bondsville School Site Development	204.50	0.00	0.00	204.50
Compost Bins	988.50	625.50	0.00	1614.00
School & Town Computer	1750.00	0.00	1406.55	343.45
Sale of Cemetery Lots	11891.00	3350.00	4000.00	11241.00
School Department:				
Gift Account	4572.22	708.06	1398.96	3881.32
Lost Text Books	2159.79	968.39	1221.86	1906.32
Athletics	955.24	17540.59	17096.22	1399.61
Use of Facilities	2763.39	40590.01	27728.66	15624.74
Summer School	1564.96	3210.00	3100.00	1674.96

Revolving Tuition	1051.34	44721.49	33543.32	12229.51
Middle School Gift	700.00	0	0	700.00
Revolving Medicaid Reimbursement	2850.97	76149.00	77361.77	1638.20
Student Activity Fund	40022.66	143611.72	139460.00	44174.38
Old Mill Pond Playground	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00
Police Department				
Off Duty Work Detail	40856.58	70414.03	65457.66	45812.95



PALMER MASSACHUSETTS

Police — Well established 18 member force headed by Chief of Police, Robert P. Frydryk

Recreational Facilities — Legion Field, Eager Playground, Nick Laviolette Park, Three Rivers, plus playground and recreational equipment at Three Rivers Common, and Endelson Playground, Bondsville.

Public Library — North Main Street, Palmer



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